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1 [THERE WAS NO REPORTABLE ACTION AS A RESULT OF THE
2 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' CLOSED SESSION HELD TODAY.]

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6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I'D LIKE TO CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER,
7 ASK EVERYONE TO PLEASE RISE. WE WILL BE LED IN OUR INVOCATION
8 TODAY BY BISHOP CLARENCE MCCLENDON, FULL HARVEST INTERNATIONAL
9 CHURCH OF GARDENA, FOLLOWED BY THE PLEDGE BY MR. BOB FIGUEROA,
10 FROM POST NO. 397, MONTEREY PARK, THE AMERICAN LEGION. BISHOP
11 MCCLENDON?

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13 **BISHOP CLARENCE MCCLENDON:** FATHER, WHAT A PRIVILEGE IT IS
14 TODAY TO BE TO BE ABLE TO STAND AND SERVE IN THIS CAPACITY
15 YOUR WORD DECLARES THAT WE ARE TO PRAY FOR THOSE IN AUTHORITY
16 THAT WE MIGHT LIVE GODLY AND PEACEABLE LIVES IN REVERENCE. WE
17 ASK FOR YOUR WISDOM TO BE WITH THESE SUPERVISORS TODAY, FOR
18 YOUR WORD ALSO PROMISES US THAT WISDOM IS THE PRINCIPAL THING
19 AND THAT AND WE ARE TO GET WISDOM AND IN ALL OF OUR GETTING,
20 GET UNDERSTANDING. YOU SAID IF WE LACKED WISDOM, WE COULD ASK
21 FOR IT AND YOU WOULD GIVE IT TO US TO US LIBERALLY. AND SO WE
22 ASK FOR THAT WISDOM TO PRESIDE OVER THESE ENTIRE AFFAIRS
23 TODAY. BLESS EVERY SUPERVISOR, THE PEOPLE THEY REPRESENT,
24 THOSE THAT WILL PRESENT HERE. WE ASK THIS IN THE NAME OF JESUS



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1 AND I ASK A SPECIAL BLESSING UPON MY SUPERVISOR, MARK RIDLEY-
2 THOMAS, WE BLESS HIM TODAY, IN JESUS' NAME TODAY, AMEN.

3

4 **BOB FIGUEROA:** PLACE YOUR RIGHT HAND OVER YOUR HEART AS WE GIVE
5 THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF
6 THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. AND TO THE REPUBLIC FOR WHICH IT
7 STANDS, ONE NATION UNDER GOD INDIVISIBLE WITH LIBERTY AND
8 JUSTICE FOR ALL.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

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12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. CHAIRMAN,
13 COLLEAGUES. I'M PLEASED THAT BISHOP CLARENCE MCCLENDON HAS
14 CHOSEN TO JOIN US TODAY AS THE FOUNDER AND SENIOR PASTOR OF
15 ONE OF THE FASTEST GROWING CHURCHES IN THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
16 COMMUNITY, FULL HARVEST INTERNATIONAL CHURCH. HE ASSUMED HIS
17 PASTORATE AND THE POSITION OF PREACHING AND TEACHING AT THE
18 AGE OF 19. HIS WEEKLY TELEVISION BROADCAST OF "A MIRACLE FOR
19 YOU" CAN BE SEEN AROUND THE GLOBE. CLARENCE E. MCCLENDON
20 MINISTRIES HOSTS NATIONAL CONFERENCES AND CRUSADES THAT DRAW
21 LITERALLY TENS OF THOUSANDS OF STADIA SEEKING MANIFESTATIONS
22 OF MIRACLES. HE WAS CONSECRATED INTO THE BISHOPRIC IN 1997. HE
23 SERVED AS THE FIRST AN ASSISTANT TO THE INTERNATIONAL
24 PRESIDING BISHOP BEFORE HIS ELEVATION TO THE OFFICE OF THE
25 THIRD PRESIDING BISHOP OF THE FULL GOSPEL BAPTIST CHURCHES



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1 FELLOWSHIP INTERNATIONAL, WHERE HE OVERSEES REGIONAL BISHOPS
2 THROUGHOUT NORTH AMERICA, EUROPE, ASIA AND AFRICA. HE'S
3 WRITTEN NUMEROUS GOSPEL SONGS AND RELEASED "SHOUT,
4 HALLELUJAH", A COMPILATION OF PRAISE AND WORSHIP SONGS, AND
5 HAS AUTHORED FAITH-BASED TEACHINGS, SUCH AS THE EXPRESSING
6 BEYOND PERSONAL POWER AND FIRST FRUITS. WE'RE DELIGHTED THAT
7 HE'S HERE. HE'S APPEARED ON CBS EVENING NEWS WITH DAN RATHER
8 AND NIGHTLINE ON ABC. HE IS A MAN OF GOD, AND I APPRECIATE HIS
9 WORK, HIS MINISTRY, HIS GIFTS, HIS TALENTS AND HIS WISDOM. AND
10 ON BEHALF OF THE ENTIRETY OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF
11 SUPERVISORS, BISHOP MCCLENDON, WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRESENCE
12 AND PARTICIPATION IN THE INVOCATION TODAY. [APPLAUSE.]

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14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

15
16 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. IT'S MY HONOR THIS
17 AFTERNOON TO PRESENT BOB FIGUEROA. HE IS A GENTLEMAN WHO
18 RESIDES IN SOUTH EL MONTE AND IS WITH THE AMERICAN LEGION POST
19 397 IN MONTEREY PARK. HE SERVED ON THE U.S.S. TUCSON WITH THE
20 UNITED STATES NAVY FROM 1943 TO 1946. HIS MANY DECORATIONS
21 INCLUDE THE NAVY COMMENDATION OF MEDAL, AN AMERICAN CAMPAIGN
22 MEDAL, AN ASIATIC PACIFIC CAMPAIGN MEDAL, AN AFRICAN MIDDLE
23 EASTERN CAMPAIGN MEDAL, AND A WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL, WITH
24 A RUSSIAN CONVOY MEDAL, AS WELL. WE WANT TO EXTEND OUR
25 GRATITUDE AND OUR APPRECIATION TO YOU FOR LEADING US IN OUR



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1 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. WE HAVE A CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION
2 FOR YOU TODAY, BUT WE ALSO WANT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE
3 TO OUR COUNTRY. CONGRATULATIONS.

4

5 **BOB FIGUEROA:** YOU THANK VERY MUCH.

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7 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU.

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9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. WE WILL DO THE AGENDA.

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11 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** GOOD MORNING, MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE
12 BOARD. WE WILL BEGIN TODAY'S AGENDA ON PAGE 4, AGENDA FOR THE
13 MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, ITEMS 1-D
14 THROUGH 3-D. ON ITEM 1-D, WE WILL HOLD THIS ITEM FOR THE
15 PUBLIC HEARING. ON ITEM 3-D, WE WILL ALSO HOLD THIS ITEM FOR
16 THE PUBLIC HEARING. ITEM 2-D IS BEFORE YOU.

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18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ITEM 2-D. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA.
19 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO
20 ORDERED.

21

22 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** WE'RE ON PAGE 8, AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF
23 THE HOUSING AUTHORITY. ON ITEM 1-H, WE WILL HOLD THIS ITEM
24 ALSO FOR THE PUBLIC HEARING.

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY.

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3 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** PUBLIC HEARINGS, ITEMS 1 THROUGH 13. ON
4 ITEM NO. 2, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA,
5 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED
6 WITHOUT DISCUSSION TO JUNE 23RD, 2009.

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8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

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10 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NO. 6, AS INDICATED ON THE
11 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, THE LIBRARY CARD REPLACEMENT FEE SHOULD
12 BE \$3.00 INSTEAD OF \$2.50. AND WE WILL HOLD THIS ITEM FOR THE
13 PUBLIC HEARING. ON ITEM NO. 9, AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED
14 AGENDA, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE
15 CONTINUED WITHOUT DISCUSSION TO SEPTEMBER 22ND, 2009. ON ITEM
16 NO. 9.

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18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. SO ORDERED.

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20 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ITEM NO. 11, AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED
21 AGENDA, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE
22 CONTINUED WITHOUT DISCUSSION TO JUNE 23RD, 2009.

23

24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

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1 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NO. 13, AS INDICATED ON THE
2 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, SUPERVISOR KNABE REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM
3 BE CONTINUED WITHOUT DISCUSSION TO SEPTEMBER 22ND, 2009.

4

5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

6

7 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THE REMAINING ITEMS UNDER THE PUBLIC
8 HEARING WILL BE HELD FOR THE PUBLIC HEARING. WE'RE ON PAGE 14,
9 ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ITEMS 14 THROUGH
10 23. ON ITEM NO. 18, SUPERVISOR MOLINA AND MEMBERS OF THE
11 PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

14

15 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THE REMAINING ITEMS ARE BEFORE YOU.

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17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THE REMAINING ITEMS, THE CHAIR WILL MOVE
18 IT. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. WITHOUT OBJECTION,
19 SO ORDERED.

20

21 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** WE'RE NOW ON PAGE 17, CONSENT CALENDAR.
22 ITEMS 24 THROUGH 31. ON ITEM NO. 24, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH
23 ABSTAINS FROM THE VOTE. ON ITEM NO. 25, AS INDICATED ON THE
24 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REQUESTS THAT
25 THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TWO WEEKS TO JUNE 9TH, 2009.



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

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4 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM 26, THERE IS A REQUEST FROM A
5 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NO. 27, AS
6 INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA, THE INTERIM DIRECTOR OF HEALTH
7 SERVICES REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO JUNE
8 2ND, 2009.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

11

12 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NO. 28, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A
13 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

16

17 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NO. 30, AS INDICATED ON THE
18 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, THE DIRECTOR OF PARKS AND RECREATION
19 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK, JUNE 2ND, 2009.

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21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

22

23 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NO. 31, AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED
24 AGENDA, THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM
25 BE REFERRED BACK TO HER DEPARTMENT.



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

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4 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THE REMAINING ITEMS UNDER THE CONSENT
5 CALENDAR ARE BEFORE YOU.

6

7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ON THE REMAINDER, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR
8 MOLINA. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. WITHOUT
9 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

10

11 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** WE'RE NOW ON PAGE 23, ORDINANCES FOR
12 INTRODUCTION, ITEMS 32 THROUGH 34. ON ITEM NO. 32, THIS ITEM
13 WILL BE CONTINUED TWO WEEKS TO JUNE 9TH, 2009.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ITEM 32 WILL BE CONTINUED?

16

17 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** AS IT RELATES TO ITEM 25.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

20

21 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NO. 33, THERE IS A REQUEST FROM A
22 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. AND I'LL READ THE
23 SHORT TITLE IN FOR THE RECORD ON THIS ITEM. THIS IS ORDINANCE
24 AMENDING TITLE 6 - SALARIES OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CODE
25 RELATING TO THE ADDITION, DELETION, AND/OR CHANGING OF CERTAIN



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1 CLASSIFICATIONS AND NUMBER OF ORDINANCE POSITIONS IN VARIOUS
2 DEPARTMENTS TO IMPLEMENT THE FINDINGS OF CLASSIFICATION
3 STUDIES. ON ITEM NO. 34, AND I'LL READ THE SHORT TITLE IN FOR
4 THE RECORD. THIS IS AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 10 - ANIMALS
5 OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CODE, TO ALLOW THE DEPARTMENT, IN
6 CONJUNCTION WITH THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER, TO REVIEW ITS FEES
7 ANNUALLY AND TO MAKE OTHER TECHNICAL NONSUBSTANTIVE CHANGES.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. ON ITEM 34, THE CHAIR WILL MOVE
10 IT. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO
11 ORDERED.

12

13 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** DISCUSSION ITEM. ITEM 35 WE'LL HOLD FOR A
14 DISCUSSION. MISCELLANEOUS ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA WHICH WERE
15 POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING, AS
16 INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 36-A, THERE'S A
17 REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

20

21 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF THE AGENDA.
22 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SPECIAL ITEMS BEGIN WITH SUPERVISORIAL
23 DISTRICT NO. 5.

24

25 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THOSE OF YOU WHO WATCH 24, THIS IS CHLOE.
3 THIS IS A LITTLE LABRADOR RETRIEVER NAMED CHLOE. SHE'S EIGHT
4 WEEKS OLD. SHE'S LOOKING FOR A HOME. SO ANYBODY WHO'D LIKE TO
5 ADOPT LITTLE CHLOE, SHE'LL BE YOUR LITTLE PRINCESS. SO YOU CAN
6 CALL 562-728-4644. THANK YOU.

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN, CAN I JUST ASK THAT I BE
9 RECORDED AS AN AYE VOTE ON ALL THE CONSENT ITEMS?

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YES, SO ORDERED. MIKE, ARE YOU DONE?

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YES.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA, DO YOU HAVE ANY
16 PRESENTATIONS? SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

17

18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** NOPE.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY? AT THIS TIME,
21 I'D LIKE TO CALL UP MARK DELGADO AND THE HONORABLE JUDGE MIKE
22 TYNAN AND JUDGE PATRICIA TITUS. IF THEY WOULD JOIN US UP HERE
23 PLEASE. THIS THIS BOARD IS PROCLAIMING MAY 2009 AS THE LOS
24 ANGELES COUNTY DRUG COURT MONTH IN RECOGNITION OF ALL THE
25 DEDICATED PRACTITIONERS WHO MAKE OUR DRUG COURTS WORK SO



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1 EFFECTIVE. DUG COURTS HAVE MADE AND CONTINUE TO MAKE
2 SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS IN REDUCING THE DAMAGE TO OUR
3 FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES RESULTING FROM DRUG ABUSE. WE HAVE
4 SOME GRADUATES WITH US. THEY WERE GIVEN THEIR SCROLLS I
5 BELIEVE UPSTAIRS. WE'D LIKE TO ASK THE GRADUATES TO PLEASE
6 STAND AND WE'LL GIVE THEM RECOGNITION. THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR
7 HARD WORK. ALL RIGHT. LET'S GIVE THEM A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE.
8 [APPLAUSE.] SO ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD, IT GIVES ME GREAT
9 PLEASURE TO PRESENT THIS SCROLL TO JUDGE TYNAN AND TO MARK AND
10 TO JUDGE TITUS FOR THEIR TIRELESS DEDICATION TO THE FAMILIES
11 AND RESIDENTS OF OUR GREAT LOS ANGELES COUNTY AS WE PROCLAIM
12 THIS LOS ANGELES DRUG COURT MONTH. [APPLAUSE.]

13

14 **JUDGE MICHAEL TYNAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. SUPERVISOR, AND
15 ALL OF THE SUPERVISORS, FOR THIS HONOR. WE'RE IN DIFFICULT
16 TIMES WITH THE DRUG COURTS. WE ARE HOPING THAT THE GOVERNOR
17 WILL SEE FIT TO CONTINUE FUNDING THE PROGRAMS THAT WE BELIEVE
18 SAVE MAYBE 20, 30,000 LIVES A YEAR JUST HERE IN LOS ANGELES. I
19 KNOW THAT THE BOARD IS BEHIND THESE EFFORTS TO GET THE KIND OF
20 FUNDING WE NEED TO HAVE THE SERVICES THAT WE NEED FOR THESE
21 PEOPLE THAT ARE TERRIBLY, TERRIBLY ILL AND WHO DESPERATELY
22 NEED OUR HELP. I THOUGHT I'D MAKE A PITCH. THAT'S AS FAR AS I
23 THINK I CAN GO. I LIKE MY JOB, I'M NOT GOING TO DO ANYMORE.
24 THANK YOU. [LAUGHTER.]

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** HE ALWAYS DOES A GREAT JOB ABOUT BUDGET
2 TIME. I OWE YOU ONE THERE. ALL RIGHT, NOW I GET TO INTRODUCE
3 JAN STURLA, WHO IS A DIRECTOR OF THE STATE CHILD SUPPORT
4 SERVICES DEPARTMENT. MR. STURLA IS HERE TODAY TO PRESENT A
5 SPECIAL AWARD TO LOS ANGELES COUNTY FOR THE TREMENDOUS SUCCESS
6 THAT WE HAVE HAD IN IMPROVING CHILD SUPPORT COLLECTIONS. OUR
7 DIRECTOR, MR. STEVEN GOLIGHTLY, IS HERE WITH US TODAY TO
8 ACCEPT THE AWARD ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY. SO WE WANT TO
9 CONGRATULATE STEVEN AND THE ENTIRE STAFF FOR THEIR INCREDIBLE
10 WORK. MR. STURLA? [APPLAUSE.]

11

12 **JAN STURLA:** SUPERVISOR KNABE AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, IT'S
13 CERTAINLY MY PLEASURE TO BE HERE. IN CALIFORNIA, THE CHILD
14 SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM HAS APPROXIMATELY 1.6 MILLION
15 FAMILIES. OF THAT 1.6 MILLION FAMILIES, 25 PERCENT COME FROM
16 LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THE PERFORMANCE OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY IS
17 IMPORTANT NOT ONLY TO THE FAMILIES IT SERVES, BUT TO THE STATE
18 CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES PROGRAM AS A WHOLE. EACH YEAR THE
19 DEPARTMENT OF CHILD SUPPORT ISSUES AWARDS FOR THE TOP
20 PERFORMING COUNTIES. THIS YEAR, WE HAVE ALSO CHOSEN TO
21 RECOGNIZE THOSE COUNTIES, BY SIZE, THAT HAVE DEMONSTRATED THE
22 MOST SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENT IN WHAT I BELIEVE IS THE MOST
23 IMPORTANT PERFORMANCE MEASURE, AND THAT IS COLLECTIONS ON
24 CURRENT SUPPORT. COLLECTIONS ON CURRENT SUPPORT ARE IMPORTANT
25 BECAUSE IT IS THOSE PAYMENTS THAT FAMILIES RECEIVE EACH MONTH



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1 THAT MAKE THEM ABLE TO PAY FOR THEIR RENT, THEIR CLOTHING AND
2 THEIR FOOD. I'M HAPPY TO RECOGNIZE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FOR
3 SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENT IN THIS CATEGORY. IN THE 2008 FISCAL
4 YEAR, LOS ANGELES INCREASED ITS COLLECTIONS ON CURRENT SUPPORT
5 BY 5.8 PERCENT, BRINGING THE PERCENTAGE TO 48.3 PERCENT. WHILE
6 WE STILL HAVE A WAYS TO GO, THIS IS A SIGNIFICANT ACHIEVEMENT.
7 [APPLAUSE.] THE FACT THAT THIS WAS ACCOMPLISHED WHILE
8 CONCENTRATING ON A COMPUTER CONVERSION MAKES IT EVEN MORE
9 REMARKABLE. MY CONGRATULATIONS TO STEVEN GOLIGHTLY AND HIS
10 ENTIRE STAFF FOR THIS SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION. [APPLAUSE.]

11

12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** STEVEN, ARE YOU GOING TO SAY SOMETHING
13 HERE?

14

15 **STEVEN GOLIGHTLY:** YES, SUPERVISOR.

16

17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT.

18

19 **STEVEN GOLIGHTLY:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. AND, JAN, THIS
20 ACCOMPLISHMENT IS A TESTAMENT TO MANY YEARS OF HARD WORK. ON
21 BEHALF OF ALL OF MY COLLEAGUES IN THE CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES
22 DEPARTMENT, I WANT TO THANK JAN FOR THIS RECOGNITION AND FOR
23 BEING HERE TODAY. OF COURSE, THE CREDIT GOES TO ALL OF THE
24 COMMITTED CHILD SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS HERE IN LOS ANGELES.
25 NONE OF THIS HAPPENS IN A VACUUM. AND THERE ARE MANY OTHERS



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1 OUTSIDE OUR DEPARTMENT THAT I'D LIKE TO ACKNOWLEDGE FOR THEIR
2 CONTRIBUTIONS. ON A DAILY BASIS, WE KNOW THAT WE HAVE A
3 CHEERING SQUAD IN THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE. IT MEANS SO MUCH TO
4 KNOW THAT WE HAVE THE BACKING OF BILL, SHARON, MIGUEL AND
5 ROSEMARY GUTIERREZ AS WE STRIVE TO PROVIDE EXCEPTIONAL
6 CUSTOMER SERVICE TO THOSE CHILDREN AND FAMILIES THAT WE SERVE.
7 OF COURSE, I WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE ONGOING SUPPORT OF THE
8 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND YOUR DEPUTIES. YOUR OBVIOUS
9 ENCOURAGEMENT OF OUR WORK IS FELT AND APPRECIATED BY EVERYONE
10 IN MY DEPARTMENT. OUR EXECUTIVE TEAM IS UP HERE THIS
11 AFTERNOON. OUR SENIOR MANAGERS ARE IN THE AUDIENCE. I'D LIKE
12 TO PUBLICLY THANK THEM FOR THEIR MANY CONTRIBUTIONS, CONTINUED
13 LEADERSHIP. PLEASE STAND AND BE RECOGNIZED, IF YOU WOULD, MY
14 SENIOR MANAGEMENT STAFF. [APPLAUSE.] THANK YOU. AND, LADIES
15 AND GENTLEMEN, LAST BUT NOT LEAST, I'D LIKE TO THANK MARY
16 LAWRENCE, OUR STATE REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR. HER DAILY
17 CAJOLING, HER DAILY PUSHING, AND HER FRIENDSHIP, MORE THAN
18 ANYTHING, PLAYED A MAJOR ROLE IN OUR SUCCESS. THANK YOU, MARY.
19 [APPLAUSE.] CONGRATULATIONS.

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21 **STEVEN GOLIGHTLY:** THANK YOU, SIR.

22

23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** CONGRATULATIONS TO THE ENTIRE TEAM. I
24 THINK I DID CAN SPEAK FOR ALL MEMBERS. AND IT USED TO BE THAT
25 THE NUMBER ONE CALL THAT WE GOT IN OUR OFFICES WAS CHILD



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1 SUPPORT. AND WE VERY RARELY GET THOSE PHONE CALLS ANYMORE. SO
2 I KNOW YOU'RE IMPROVING AND WE WANT TO THANK THE ENTIRE TEAM.
3 PARDON ME?

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YOU SHOWED THE FORMER DISTRICT ATTORNEY THAT
6 IT COULD BE DONE, AND YOU'VE DONE A SUPERB JOB. AND THANK YOU.
7 WE RECEIVED PILES AND PILES OF LETTERS.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** IT USED TO BE THAT'S ALL IT WAS, WAS
10 NUMBER ONE.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THAT COULD HAVE BEEN RESOLVED AND WASN'T. BUT
13 YOU GUYS HAVE BEEN SUPERB.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO NEXT YEAR WE GET A GOLD ONE. WELL,
16 YOU'RE FROM THE STATE. NEVER MIND. [APPLAUSE.]

17

18 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND NOW WE'RE GOING TO GO INTO OUR PUBLIC
19 HEARING.

20

21 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ALL THOSE WHO PLAN TO TESTIFY BEFORE THE
22 BOARD, PLEASE STAND AND RAISE YOUR RIGHT HAND TO BE SWORN IN.
23 AND THIS IS FOR ITEMS 1 THROUGH 13. IN THE TESTIMONY YOU MAY
24 GIVE BEFORE THIS BOARD, DO YOU SOLEMNLY AFFIRM TO TELL THE
25 TRUTH, THE WHOLE TRUTH AND NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH, SO HELP YOU



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1 GOD? THANK YOU. YOU MAY BE SEATED. ITEM NO. 1, THIS IS THE DE
2 NOVO HEARING ON PROJECT NO. R2004-00805, CONDITIONAL USE
3 PERMIT CASE NO. 200700051-(5), AND CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION TO
4 AUTHORIZE CONSTRUCTION, OPERATION, AND MAINTENANCE OF A
5 WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITY LOCATED AT 2540 FOOTHILL
6 BOULEVARD IN LA CRESCENTA IN THE MONTROSE ZONED DISTRICT
7 APPLIED FOR BY SPRINT-NEXTEL. THERE IS A DEPARTMENT STATEMENT
8 AND NO CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED ON THIS MATTER.

9

10 **MARIA MASIS:** GOOD AFTERNOON. I'M MARIA MASIS, SUPERVISING
11 REGIONAL PLANNER WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING.
12 CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 20070005 IN THE FIFTH SUPERVISORIAL
13 DISTRICT WAS APPROVED BY THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION ON
14 JULY 30, 2008, AND WAS SUBSEQUENTLY APPEALED TO YOUR BOARD.
15 THE APPLICANT, SPRINT-NEXTEL, HAS REQUESTED A CONDITIONAL USE
16 PERMIT TO INSTALL A WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITY ON
17 THE ROOF AN EXISTING COMMERCIAL BUILDING. THE PROJECT CONSISTS
18 OF 12 ANTENNAS, ONE A G.P.S. ANTENNA, TO BE MOUNTED BEHIND NEW
19 SCREENS ON THE ROOFTOP'S NORTHWEST AND SOUTHEAST CORNERS, AS
20 WELL AS TWO EQUIPMENT CABINETS LOCATED AT GROUND LEVEL OF THE
21 REAR EAST SIDE OF THE BUILDING. THE SUBJECT PROPERTY IS
22 LOCATED AT 2540 FOOTHILL BOULEVARD IN THE UNINCORPORATED
23 COMMUNITY OF LA CRESCENTA. THIS PROJECT HAS BEEN DETERMINED
24 CATEGORICALLY EXEMPT FROM C.E.Q.A. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.



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1 THAT CONCLUDES MY PRESENTATION AND STAFF IS AVAILABLE FOR ANY
2 QUESTIONS. THANK YOU.

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. WE HAVE SOME FOLKS THAT HAVE
5 SIGNED UP TO TESTIFY. I'LL CALL FOUR AT A TIME. WHEN YOU ARE
6 FINISHED TESTIFYING, IF YOU STEP BACK, I'LL CALL ANOTHER
7 PERSON. THE FIRST THREE SPEAKERS, CHRIS WORKMAN, GLENN
8 WORKMAN, GRACE ANDRUS, AND STEVE PIERCE. IF THE FOUR OF YOU
9 WOULD COME FORWARD?

10

11 **GRACE ANDRUS:** HI. MY NAME IS GRACE ANDRUS, I AM REPRESENTING
12 THE CRESCENTA VALLEY TOWN COUNCIL. MAY 13TH, 2008, THE TOWN
13 COUNCIL WROTE A LETTER TO THE COMMISSIONERS REGARDING THIS
14 PROJECT, AND WE REQUESTED THAT THIS BE DENIED FOR THE
15 FOLLOWING REASONS. I WON'T READ THE LETTER IN ITS ENTIRETY, IT
16 SHOULD BE IN THE PACKET. THERE ARE EXCESSIVE TOWERS IN OUR
17 AREA. WE HAVE APPROXIMATELY 15 SQUARE MILES IN OUR SLIVER OF
18 LAND. AND WE HAVE EIGHT TOWERS RIGHT NOW. THE COMMUNITY HAS
19 GREAT OPPOSITION TO THIS PROJECT. THERE ARE APPROXIMATELY 200
20 CONCERNED CITIZENS THAT HAVE SIGNED TWO PETITIONS AGAINST THIS
21 CELL FACILITY, THIS SPECIFIC CELL FACILITY. WE ALSO HAVE
22 SUFFICIENT COVERAGE IN OUR AREA. SPRINT CLAIMS THAT WE HAVE A
23 LACK OF COVERAGE. HOWEVER, THEIR OWN WEBSITE INFORMATION,
24 BEFORE THEY ERASED IT, INDICATED THAT A LACK OF COVERAGE IS
25 ACTUALLY IN OUR NEIGHBORING CITY OF LA CANADA-FLINTRIDGE. IN



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1 OUR NEIGHBOR TO THE EAST, LA CANADA-FLINTRIDGE, IT'S VERY
2 DIFFICULT TO GET A CELL SITE THERE BECAUSE THEY UNDERSTAND
3 THAT THERE ARE A LOT OF CONCERNS ABOUT THESE SITES IN THEIR
4 COMMUNITY. TO THE SOUTH AND TO THE WEST OF US IS GLENDALE. AND
5 CURRENTLY GLENDALE HAS A MORATORIUM ON CELL SITES, WHICH
6 THEY'RE PLANNING TO RENEW. LAST BUT NOT LEAST, THIS CELL SITE
7 IS AN AESTHETIC EYESORE IN OUR COMMUNITY. THE PROPOSED ANTENNA
8 SITE WILL ADD AN UGLY VISUAL ADDITION TO THE ALREADY
9 ARCHITECTURALLY UNSAVORY BUILDING, AS WELL AS FURTHER OBSTRUCT
10 VIEWS OF THE MOUNTAINS FOR THE PROPERTY OWNERS SOUTH OF THE
11 CITE. PLEASE, WE URGE YOU TO CONSIDER OUR RESIDENTS WHO ARE
12 NOT IN FAVOR OF THIS FACILITY. THANK YOU.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

15

16 **STEVEN PIERCE:** MY NAME IS STEVE PIERCE. I'M PRESIDENT OF THE
17 CRESCENTA VALLEY TOWN COUNCIL. AND AS GRACE JUST MENTIONED, WE
18 HAVE HAD SEVERAL PEOPLE COME TO OUR COUNCIL MEETINGS AGAINST
19 THIS PROJECT. MOST OF THE PEOPLE THAT ARE AGAINST THIS PROJECT
20 SEEM TO BE AGAINST IT FOR NOT ONLY HEALTH REASONS BUT FOR
21 AESTHETIC REASONS. THIS IS NOT AN ADDITION TO OUR COMMUNITY.
22 THIS DETERIORATES FROM OUR COMMUNITY. WE'RE TAKING A BEAUTIFUL
23 BUILDING AND WE'RE ACTUALLY MAKING SOMETHING NOT TOO
24 ATTRACTIVE ON TOP OF THIS BUILDING. ALSO, WE WOULD LIKE TO
25 HAVE THE BOARD GIVE SOME SERIOUS CONSIDERATION AND SPRINT GIVE



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1 CONSIDERATION TO THE FACT THAT THIS SHOULD BE INVOLVED OR
2 IMPACTED IN OUR COMMUNITY WITH THE LEAST IMPACT ON OUR
3 COMMUNITY AND NOT THE MOST, WHICH IS ON FOOTHILL BOULEVARD.
4 THANK YOU.

5

6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

7

8 **GLENN WORKMAN:** MY NAME IS GLENN WORKMAN. AND I WAS WONDERING
9 IF I COULD ASK FOR ADDITIONAL TIME? I HAVE SOME MATERIAL THAT
10 I WOULD LIKE TO PRESENT.

11

12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** IF SOMEONE'S WILLING TO GIVE UP THEIR
13 TIME FOR YOU, OTHERWISE YOU'RE HELD TO THE THREE MINUTES
14 MINUTES.

15

16 **GLENN WORKMAN:** THERE ARE SEVERAL PEOPLE THAT WOULD GIVE UP
17 THEIR TIME.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WELL, WHO ARE THEY? DID THEY SIGN UP TO
20 SPEAK?

21

22 **GLENN WORKMAN:** YEAH. CHRIS WORKMAN. THERE WAS SOMEBODY THAT
23 DIDN'T SIGN UP TO SPEAK BECAUSE HE WANTED TO GIVE ME HIS
24 MINUTES BUT THEY COULDN'T GUARANTEE HIM THAT I COULD BE
25 APPROVED.



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** IF THEY'RE NOT SIGNED UP, THEY CAN'T
3 GIVE IT TO YOU. CHRIS WORKMAN, OKAY. WHO ELSE?

4

5 **GLENN WORKMAN:** A PERSON WHO DIDN'T SIGN UP.

6

7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY, WILL THEY FILL SOMETHING OUT?

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9 **GLENN WORKMAN:** HE WILL FILL SOMETHING OUT, YES.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** AND YOU ARE?

12

13 **ELISE KALFAYAN:** MY NAME IS ELISE KALFAYAN, I'LL GIVE UP--

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT, SO GIVE HIM FOUR MINUTES,
16 THEN. GO AHEAD. EXCUSE ME. GIVE HIM FIVE. FIVE, I'M SORRY.

17

18 **GLENN WORKMAN:** MY NAME IS GLEN WORKMAN. I AM A COMMUNICATIONS
19 PROFESSIONAL, SO I'M EXPERIENCED IN THE FIELD. I'M NOT A
20 WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS SPECIALIST, BUT I'VE BEEN DOING
21 COMMUNICATIONS FOR 35 YEARS. WHEN WE FIRST OPPOSED THIS
22 FACILITY, WE BROUGHT TO THE BOARD THE IDEA THAT THERE'S
23 ALREADY SUFFICIENT COMMUNICATION, OR SUFFICIENT COVERAGE IN
24 OUR AREA. WE PRESENTED DATA TO BACK UP THAT REQUEST, OR BACK
25 UP THAT STATEMENT. AND I DON'T THINK THE BOARD EVEN CONSIDERED



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1 IT. WHEN SPRINT CAME UP TO SPEAK CONCERNING THAT, THEY TOTALLY
2 CHANGED THE -- THEY HAD PROVIDED ME WITH DATA THAT SAID THEY
3 WERE ASKING FOR THIS SITE BECAUSE OF POOR NUMBERS OR POOR
4 RESULTS, WHICH SHOWED 96 PERCENT TO BE THE WORST RESULT THAT
5 THEY HAD. I FELT THAT THAT WAS PRETTY GOOD. AND OUR RESULTS,
6 DRIVING AROUND AND PROVIDING TO IT THE BOARD, PROVED THAT
7 THERE WAS SUFFICIENT COVERAGE. WE WERE ALSO STRAPPED WITH THE
8 LAST MEETING WHERE WE HAD JUST HAD THAT EARTHQUAKE JUST DAYS
9 BEFORE THE MEETING, AND THE BOARD MEMBERS, I FELT, WERE
10 CONCERNED IN THAT AFTER THAT EARTHQUAKE, THEY COULD NOT GET A
11 CELL SIGNAL TO MAKE A CALL FOR SEVERAL MINUTES. WELL, THEY
12 THEN ALLOWED SPRINT TO SPEAK TO EDUCATE THEM, I FELT, FOR
13 ABOUT 30 MINUTES ON A TOTALLY DIFFERENT ISSUE, SAYING THAT THE
14 REAL ISSUE WAS THAT PEOPLE IN THEIR HOMES AND BUSINESSES COULD
15 NOT GET A GOOD SIGNAL, WHICH, IT WAS TOTALLY AGAINST WHAT THE
16 ORIGINAL STATEMENT WAS. I DID NOT GET A CHANCE TO REBUT ON
17 THAT ISSUE. I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE REASON WAS, BUT THEY GOT ALL
18 THE TIME IN THE WORLD TO SUPPORT A CASE THAT WE WERE NEVER
19 PART OF. SO I THINK THAT THAT WAS KIND OF A BLOW TO OUR CASE
20 IN THAT HAD WE NOT HAD THAT EARTHQUAKE -- ON LAND LINES, WE
21 WERE ABLE TO GET OUT RIGHT AWAY. SO, EVEN NOW IF THAT
22 EARTHQUAKE HAPPENED AGAIN TODAY, IT WOULD NOT CHANGE THE FACT
23 THAT YOU STILL COULDN'T GET A CELL SIGNAL FOR SEVERAL MINUTES,
24 BECAUSE THE CELL COMPANIES ARE NOT HERE TO PROVIDE 911 OR
25 EMERGENCY COVERAGE FOR US. THEY'RE HERE TO PROVIDE MORE CELL



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1 SITES TO GET ADDITIONAL SUBSCRIBERS. SO WE DO HAVE ADEQUATE
2 COVERAGE. NOW, I HAVE A POSTER HERE WHERE CELLULAR
3 COMMUNICATIONS HAS REALLY EVOLVED IN THE LAST COUPLE OF YEARS.
4 AND IT'S MOVING SO FAST THAT THERE REALLY ARE NO ISSUES --

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IT'S UPSIDE DOWN. THE OTHER ONE'S UPSIDE
7 DOWN.

8

9 **GLENN WORKMAN:** THESE I'VE GOT SEVERAL THAT ARE PICTURES. IT
10 MIGHT HELP IF I COULD PASS THESE AROUND.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** STEVE? SERGEANT?

13

14 **GLENN WORKMAN:** IF YOU GUYS COULD LOOK AT THAT THAT WAY, THAT
15 WOULD SAVE ME A LITTLE BIT OF TIME. BUT RIGHT HERE WE HAVE,
16 AND BECAUSE I'M A COMMUNICATIONS PROFESSIONAL, WE DO THIS ON A
17 FREQUENT BASIS. AND ALSO MY PEERS DO THIS ON A FREQUENT BASIS.
18 THERE ARE DEVICES IN THE MARKETPLACE NOW THAT ALLOW BUSINESSES
19 AND RESIDENCES TO PURCHASE THESE CELLULAR REPEATERS. YOU CAN
20 CALL ANY COMPANY, YOU CAN GO TO ANY STORE, YOU CAN GET THEM
21 ONLINE. AND INDIVIDUALLY YOU CAN GO OUT AND GET ONE OF THESE
22 AND HAVE ANYBODY INSTALL IT WHERE YOU HAVE POOR CELL
23 PERFORMANCE INSIDE YOUR BUILDING. YOU CAN PUT UP ONE OF THESE
24 REPEATERS AND YOU CAN HAVE THE SIGNAL THAT YOU DESIRE. IF
25 YOU'RE A SPRINT CUSTOMER, YOU CAN GET A SPRINT UNIT. IF YOU'RE



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1 AN AT&T CUSTOMER, YOU CAN GET AN AT&T UNIT. SO YOU CAN HAVE
2 EXACTLY WHAT YOU WANT. AND OUTSIDE YOUR BUILDING THE SIGNAL
3 DOESN'T HAVE TO BE GREAT. THIS WILL AMPLIFY IT FOR YOU. SO
4 THERE ARE ALTERNATIVES. THEY SAY THAT THEY NEED TO GO OUT HERE
5 AND PUT A CELL SITE UP HERE. BUT SIMPLY BY THEM PUTTING THAT
6 CELL SITE UP DOESN'T MEAN THAT YOU'RE GOING TO GET BETTER
7 COVERAGE INSIDE YOUR HOME OR YOUR BUSINESS. SO THERE ARE
8 ALTERNATIVES OUT THERE THAT ARE AVAILABLE. WE DON'T HAVE TO GO
9 THAT ROUTE. THANK YOU.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. DO YOU WANT TO PASS THOSE
12 PICTURES? WHILE YOU HAVE PEOPLE TESTIFYING, WE'LL LOOK AT THE
13 PICTURES, TOO. ELSIE KALFAYAN? GENE VOSKOBOYNIK. OH, ELSIE
14 DID? MARGARET CHANG? CHRIS WORKMAN. MARGARET CHANG, CHRIS
15 WORKMAN. CHRIS WANTED A MINUTE. SHE SAID SHE WANTED A MINUTE.
16 SHE GAVE UP TWO MINUTES. OKAY. IDENTIFY YOURSELF FOR THE
17 RECORD, PLEASE.

18

19 **CHRIS WORKMAN:** HI, MY NAME IS CHRIS WORKMAN. AND I WANT TO
20 COMMEND LOS ANGELES FOR WORKING FOR CHILD SUPPORT FOR KIDS
21 AGAINST DRUGS. BUT WHAT I'M ASKING LOS ANGELES AND OUR
22 REPRESENTATIVES TO DO IS PLEASE, PLEASE KEEP KIDS FROM GETTING
23 OVERLOADED ON RADIATION. I KNOW WHAT RADIATION DOES FIRSTHAND.
24 I'VE HAD 13 BOUTS OF IT. AND IT SHRUNK AND CHANGED MY D.N.A.
25 IN MY BODY A LOT. WHERE I LIVE, EVERYWHERE I GO THERE'S CELL



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1 SITES, THERE'S CELL TOWERS, THERE'S CELL ANTENNAS, EVERYWHERE.
2 I CANNOT LOOK ANYWHERE WITHOUT SEEING THEM. I GO DOWN THE 2 TO
3 GO ON THE 135, THERE'S THREE BIG FLAGPOLES WITH THE UNITED
4 STATES OF AMERICA FLAG, WITH THE CALIFORNIA FLAG, AND THESE
5 ARE ALL CELL TOWERS. THEY ARE BEING HIDDEN BY OUR FLAG. IT
6 LOOKS LIKE OUR COUNTRY IS HIDING SOMETHING FROM US. CANCER IS
7 A TERRIBLE, TERRIBLE THING, AND I KNOW I CANNOT FIGHT AGAINST
8 CANCER. BUT I ALSO DON'T WANT MY PROPERTY VALUE TO GO DOWN. I
9 DO NOT WANT TO LOOK OUTSIDE AND SEE IT. AND ALSO I CAN SEE IT
10 FROM MY WINDOW WHAT THEY WANT TO PUT UP. EVEN IF THEY HIDE IT
11 WITH CEMENT, YOU CAN'T HIDE WHAT'S THERE AND WHAT'S HAPPENING
12 AND HOW MUCH RADIATION IS GOING TO PEOPLE AND TO CHILDREN.
13 THEY'RE IN OUR CHURCHES. THEY'RE ON OUR SCHOOLS. I JUST BEG
14 EVERYBODY TO PUT UP A MORATORIUM AND LET'S DO SOME RESEARCH
15 BEFORE WE DO ANYMORE DAMAGE. THANK YOU.

16

17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. YES, MA'AM?

18

19 **ELISE KALFAYAN:** HELLO MY NAME IS ELISE KALFAYAN, AND I'M A
20 MEMBER OF A GLENDALE GROUP THAT IS OPPOSING CELL SITES IN
21 RESIDENTIAL AREAS. THE APPLICANT HERE HAS ASSERTED COVERAGE
22 PROBLEMS BUT IT HASN'T PROVEN THEM ACCORDING TO SOME UNIFORM
23 STANDARD. AND THE RESIDENTS HAVE GONE OUT AND FOUND THAT THEY
24 HAVE EXCELLENT COVERAGE WITH SPRINT. THE COUNTY ALSO HASN'T
25 INDEPENDENTLY VERIFIED SPRINT'S CLAIMED COVERAGE GAP. DO WE



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1 KNOW FOR A FACT THAT SPRINT-NEXTEL NEEDS THIS SITE TO PROVIDE
2 BASIC CELL PHONE SERVICE, OR ARE THEY USING IT TO MARKET
3 ADDITIONAL SERVICES, LIKE BROADBAND? I ALSO KNOW THE COMMUNITY
4 HAS ASKED THAT THE APPLICANT BE DIRECTED TO CO-LOCATE ON AN
5 EXISTING SITE, AND HAS IDENTIFIED SEVERAL OF THESE SITES IN
6 THE IMMEDIATE AREA. WE HAVEN'T HEARD WHETHER THE APPLICANT
7 WILL EVEN CONSIDER DOING THAT. AND I THINK THE COUNTY SHOULD
8 ASK THAT THE APPLICANT PROVE THAT THEY CANNOT CO-LOCATE ON ONE
9 OF THOSE SITES. I THINK THAT WIRELESS PROVIDERS NEED TO GET
10 THE MESSAGE THAT THEY SHOULD WORK WITH COMMUNITIES TO FIND
11 APPROPRIATE SITES FOR THEIR FACILITIES. THANK YOU.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. A RICHARD -- OKAY. SO THAT'S
14 IT, HUH? MARGARET? PARDON ME? OH, OKAY. I CALLED THEM. THEY
15 DIDN'T COME UP. I THOUGHT THAT THEY WEREN'T PASSING. IS THAT
16 GENE AND MARGARET? THANK YOU, RICHARD. THANK YOU.

17

18 **MARGARET CHANG:** GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,
19 SUPERVISORS AND STAFF. MY NAME IS MARGARET CHANG, REPRESENTING
20 SPRINT-NEXTEL. THIS IS GENE, REPRESENTING, HE'S THE RADIO
21 FREQUENCY ENGINEER.

22

23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** CAN WE TURN THAT UP A TAD.

24



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1 **MARGARET CHANG:** TO ADDRESS ANY OF THE TECHNICAL ISSUES, HE'S
2 HERE TO ADDRESS THE COVERAGE INFORMATION. NOW, SPRINT-NEXTEL
3 HAS PORT AND BUILDING COVERAGE IN THE LA CRESCENTA AREA. THEY
4 ONLY HAVE CURRENTLY SINCE THEIR LAUNCH IN 1997, ONE EXISTING
5 SPRINT-NEXTEL SITE IN THE LA CRESCENTA AREA. SO WE ARE NOT
6 PROLIFERATING IN THIS COMMUNITY. WE ARE JUST TRYING TO GET
7 SOME COVERAGE IN THIS COMMUNITY.

8

9 **GENE VOSKOBOYNIK:** THAT SITE WAS PLACED ON THERE IN 1999.

10

11 **MARGARET CHANG:** AND THE INFORMATION THAT WAS SUBMITTED BY THE
12 VALLEY, I GUESS THE COUNCIL, REGARDING ALL THE EXISTING CELL
13 SITES IN THE AREA, THIS WAS ALREADY SUBMITTED IN THE PREVIOUS
14 -- I DON'T KNOW IF THIS IS SOMETHING YOU GUYS WANT TO SEE
15 AGAIN. BUT THERE IS ONLY ONE SITE ON HERE THAT IS SPRINT-
16 NEXTEL'S. ALL THE OTHER SITES BELONG TO OTHER CARRIERS, WHICH
17 IS NOT PART OF OUR NETWORK. AND WE HAVE NO -- YOU KNOW, THERE
18 IS NO PROLIFERATION OF SPRINT-NEXTEL FACILITIES IN LA
19 CRESCENTA. THIS IS A PROOF TO THAT. I DON'T KNOW IF SOMEBODY
20 WANTS TO LOOK AT THAT. AND IN ADDRESSING THE -- THE ENGINEER
21 IS HERE AS WELL WHO WILL BE ABLE TO EXPLAIN MORE IN DETAIL
22 REGARDING THE NECESSARY COVERAGE WE NEED, THE COVERAGE GAP
23 THAT EXISTS IN THIS AREA. BUT I WANTED TO ADDRESS ALL THE
24 OTHER ISSUES THAT WERE PRESENTED BY THE APPELLANT. VISUAL
25 CONCERNS. THE PROPOSED FACILITY IS LOCATED ON AN EXISTING



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1 BUILDING FULLY SCREENED AND IT WILL INCREASE THE EXISTING
2 BUILDING BY APPROXIMATELY 6 FEET. THAT IS THE MOST MINIMALLY
3 VISUALLY IMPACTING DESIGN THAT WE CAN PRODUCE HERE AT THIS
4 FACILITY IN ORDER TO -- AND STILL BE ABLE TO PROVIDE COVERAGE
5 FOR THE AREA. AND I HAVE THE PHOTO SIMULATIONS THAT WERE ALSO
6 SUBMITTED, SINCE IN THE LAST PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING. AND
7 I DON'T KNOW IF ANYBODY WANTS TO LOOK AT THIS. I HAVE SEVERAL
8 COPIES HERE. BUT ON ONE OF THE VIEWS, THE EXISTING SATELLITE
9 DISH IS THE SAME HEIGHT AS THE PROPOSED CELL SCREEN. IT IS NOT
10 -- THANK YOU. AND ALONG WITH THE DECISION OF THE REGIONAL
11 PLANNING COMMISSION, WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT THIS DESIGN IS AS
12 VISUALLY IMPACTING AS OPPOSED TO A NEW GROUND BUILD OF SOME
13 SORT. AND IN REGARDS TO CO-LOCATION -- TIME EXPIRED.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** TIME'S EXPIRED. GENE VOSKOBYNIK: I GUESS
16 I'LL FINISH HER THOUGHT. WITH REGARD TO CO-LOCATION, THERE
17 ISN'T ANY CELL TOWERS WITHIN THE RADIUS OF WHERE WE WOULD LIKE
18 TO LOCATE OUR CELL SITE THAT WOULD BE OF ANY USE TO US FOR THE
19 COVERAGE OBJECTIVES THAT WE HAVE AS FAR AS OTHER CARRIERS GO.
20 WE ALREADY LOOKED INTO THAT A WHILE BACK. I WANT TO ADDRESS
21 VERY BRIEFLY THE COVERAGE SITUATION THERE. THE TERRAIN TO THE
22 NORTHWEST OF THE PROPOSED LOCATION, ROUGHLY OFF OF BRIGGS
23 AVENUE AND FOOTHILL AND TO THE NORTH IS VERY STEEP. IT'S VERY
24 HILLY. THE HOMES THERE ON THE AVERAGE ARE TWO STORIES, SOME
25 ARE CONDOS OR THREE-STORY HOMES. AND IN TERMS OF 1900



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1 MEGAHERTZ, THE SIGNAL THAT WE HAVE, ROUGHLY THE RADIUS OF
2 USABLE COVERAGE IS HALF A MILE. THE ONLY SATELLITE IN
3 CRESCENTA THAT WE MENTIONED EARLIER IS ABOUT A MILE, A LITTLE
4 OVER A MILE, TO THE NORTHWEST ON FOOTHILL. IT DOES NOT DO ANY
5 JUSTICE IN COVERING, IN PROVIDING THE KIND OF IN-BUILDING
6 COVERAGE THAT WE, AS SPRINT, WOULD LIKE TO PROVIDE TO OUR
7 CUSTOMERS. THE OTHER SITE TO THE SOUTHWEST ON FOOTHILL IS
8 RIGHT WHERE THE 2 FREEWAY HITS FOOTHILL. THAT'S ALSO A LITTLE
9 OVER A MILE FROM THAT LOCATION. SO THE LOCATION OF THE
10 PROPOSED SITE IS EXACTLY WHERE WE WANT TO GO, AND THAT'S WHERE
11 OUR CUSTOMERS NEED THE COVERAGE THE MOST. AS AN ENGINEER, ONCE
12 IN A WHILE I GET ESCALATED TICKETS THAT GO RIGHT THROUGH
13 CUSTOMER CARE BECAUSE OF HIGH PRIORITY ESCALATION RIGHT TO ME.
14 I'VE GOTTEN A NUMBER OF TICKETS IN THE LAST TWO YEARS FROM
15 MONTROSE, FROM FOOTHILL AND BRIGGS, ACTUALLY NORTH OF THERE,
16 FROM SOME HIGH-END CUSTOMERS WHO HAVE BUSINESSES WHO WOULD
17 LIKE TO HAVE IN-BUILDING SERVICE BUT THEY DON'T. AND THEY WERE
18 CANCELING OUR SERVICE. ALL I COULD TELL THEM WAS WE'VE BEEN
19 PURSUING A SITE THERE FOR A WHILE. UNFORTUNATELY WE STILL TO
20 THIS DAY DON'T HAVE IT. I'VE OPTIMIZED AND REOPTIMIZED THE
21 AREA WITH HIGHER GAIN ANTENNAS, UPTILTING AND EVERYTHING I
22 COULD DO, AND POWER ADJUSTMENTS. THERE'S NOT MUCH I CAN DO.
23 RADIATION IS SUCH THAT IT WILL BE ATTENUATED BY TERRAIN IN A
24 CERTAIN WAY. AND THERE'S ONLY SO MUCH I CAN STRETCH THE
25 COVERAGE. TO ADDRESS THE POINT BY THE GENTLEMAN RAISED EARLIER



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1 ABOUT THE 96 PERCENT SUCCESS RATE THAT THEY'VE HAD WITH THEIR
2 CALLS, AGAIN, THEY WERE IN-VEHICLE. AGAIN WE DON'T LIMIT TO
3 OUR COVERAGE IN-VEHICLE FOR THE REASONS ACTUALLY THAT THEY
4 MENTIONED. PARTIALLY BECAUSE OF STUFF LIKE EARTHQUAKES, THAT'S
5 ONE OF THE REASONS. ANOTHER REASON IS BECAUSE PEOPLE LIVE IN
6 HOMES AND BUSINESSES, AND WE TRY TO PROVIDE COVERAGE IN-
7 BUILDING, NOT JUST IN-VEHICLE. AND FOR US IN OUR INDUSTRY, 96
8 PERCENT SUCCESS RATE, WHICH TRANSLATES TO ROUGHLY 4 PERCENT
9 DROP CALL RATE, THAT'S VERY HIGH. WE STRIVE TO ACHIEVE ALL OF
10 OUR SITES. ASK VERIZON, T-MOBILE, YOU CAN ASK ENGINEERS IN THE
11 FIELD, THEY'RE ROUGHLY ABOUT 1 PERCENT, 1-1/2 PERCENT. I KNOW
12 THAT SOUNDS LIKE TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE, BUT THAT'S WHERE WE TRY
13 TO STAND. MOST OF OUR SITES ARE THAT. ALSO MARGARET'S POINTING
14 OUT ABOUT THE 911 TESTING. WE DO VERY EXTENSIVE E911 TESTING
15 WHERE WE CALL NUMBERS. AND THERE'S ONLY ONCE A WEEK THAT WE'RE
16 ALLOWED TO DO THAT. AND THAT'S PART OF OUR COMPLIANCE
17 PROCEDURE. WE WON'T PASS A SITE UNLESS IT HAS E911 TESTING. SO
18 WE FULLY TEST THEM FOR 911 CAPABILITY.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. YOUR TIME'S UP.

21

22 **GENE VOSKOBYNIK:** AND WE COMPLY WITH F.C.C., SO THERE'S NO
23 RADIATION ISSUES THERE. WE FULLY COMPLY WITH F.C.C.

24

25 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. MR. ANTONOVICH?



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU. THE LA CRESCENTA TOWN --

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4 **LARRY HAFETZ, COUNSEL:** EXCUSE ME, SUPERVISOR. I JUST WANTED TO
5 ADDRESS ONE POINT THAT WAS RAISED JUST FOR PURPOSES OF YOUR
6 DELIBERATION. THERE WAS A COMMENT ABOUT THE HEALTH EFFECTS,
7 THE RADIO EMISSIONS. AND YOUR BOARD HAS THE FULL RANGE OF LAND
8 USE POWERS IN REVIEWING THIS APPEAL, SUCH AS COMPATIBILITY
9 ISSUES, AESTHETICS, CO-LOCATION ISSUES. THE ONE ITEM THAT
10 ISN'T WITHIN YOUR PURVIEW IS THE HEALTH EFFECTS OF THE RADIO
11 EMISSIONS. I JUST WANTED TO MAKE THAT ON THE RECORD.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OKAY. AS THE BOARD KNOWS, THE COMMUNITY
14 STANDARDS DISTRICT HAS BEEN IN PROGRESS FOR THE COMMUNITY. AND
15 LET ME JUST STATE THAT THE LA CRESCENTA TOWN COUNCIL IS
16 OPPOSING THIS LOCATION FOR THIS SITE FOR THIS ANTENNA. BUT THE
17 PROJECT IS ENTIRELY CONTRARY TO THE PENDING AMENDMENT TO THE
18 MONTROSE LA CRESCENTA COMMUNITY STANDARDS DISTRICT WHICH OUR
19 BOARD UNANIMOUSLY HAD INDICATED ITS INTENT TO APPROVE, A
20 STATED PURPOSE OF WHICH IS TO IMPROVE THE APPEARANCE OF
21 FOOTHILL BOULEVARD'S COMMERCIAL CORRIDOR. AND THE COMMUNITY,
22 THE BUSINESSES, THE RESIDENTS HAVE BEEN WORKING ON THAT
23 COMMUNITY STANDARDS DISTRICT WITH THE REGIONAL PLANNING AND MY
24 OFFICE FOR A LONG TIME. AND THEN WE HAD IT BEFORE THE BOARD.
25 SO I WOULD LIKE TO MOVE THAT THE BOARD CLOSE THE PUBLIC



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1 HEARING, INDICATING THE BOARD'S INTENT TO GRANT THE APPEAL AND
2 REVERSE THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION'S APPROVAL, DIRECTING
3 COUNTY COUNCIL TO PREPARE FINDINGS FOR DENIAL TO BRING BACK TO
4 THE BOARD FOR ADJUDICATION.

5

6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. IT'S BEEN MOVED BY SUPERVISOR
7 ANTONOVICH. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA. SHOULD WE CLOSE THE
8 PUBLIC HEARING FIRST?

9

10 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** YES.

11

12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. ALREADY BEFORE WE ACT ON
13 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH'S MOTION, WE WILL CLOSE THE PUBLIC
14 HEARING. AND THEN MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. SECONDED BY
15 SUPERVISOR MOLINA. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. THANK YOU.

16

17 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** OKAY ON ITEM NO. 3, THIS IS THE HEARING ON
18 APPROVAL OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2009/2010 ACTION PLAN TO ENABLE
19 THE LOS ANGELES URBAN COUNTY TO RECEIVE AND ADMINISTER AN
20 ESTIMATED \$63,379,501 IN FEDERAL FUNDS COMPRISED OF 35TH
21 PROGRAM YEAR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS, FISCAL
22 YEAR 2009/2010 C.D.B.G. FUNDS RECEIVED AS A JOINT APPLICANT
23 WITH THE CITIES OF CERRITOS, C.D.B.G. FUNDS FROM PRIOR FISCAL
24 YEARS, FUTURE C.D.B.G. PROGRAM INCOME, FISCAL YEAR 2009/10
25 HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP FUNDS, AND FISCAL YEAR 2009/10



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1 EMERGENCY SHELTER GRANT FUNDS. THERE IS A DEPARTMENT STATEMENT
2 ON THIS AND NO CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED. ON ITEM 3, IT ALSO
3 RELATES TO ITEM 1-D, 3-D AND 1-H. THERE WAS A DEPARTMENT --
4 THERE IS NO DEPARTMENT SPEAKER NOW.

5

6 **LARRY HAFETZ, COUNSEL:** THERE IS NO REQUIRED JURISDICTIONAL
7 STATEMENT FOR THIS.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** IT HAS BEEN HELD BY ARNOLD SACHS.
10 ARNOLD? IF YOU'LL WILL YOU COME UP AND ADDRESS ITEM 1-H, 3-D
11 AND 3, I WOULD APPRECIATE IT.

12

13 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** AND 1-D.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** AND 1-D. WHILE HE'S ON HIS WAY, I'D LIKE
16 TO POINT OUT THAT IN THE HOUSE WE HAVE OUR NEW DIRECTOR OF
17 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT. MR. SEAN ROGAN. SEAN? WAVE YOUR HAND
18 OVER HERE. WELCOME. [APPLAUSE.] WELCOME ABOARD.

19

20 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THANK YOU, GOOD AFTERNOON. I JUST REALLY WANTED
21 TO KNOW -- MY CONCERN ACTUALLY WAS 1-H, AND THE FACT THAT IT
22 SEEMS TO BE A PASS THROUGH. THE 1-D SECTION OF YOUR SPECIAL
23 AGENDA FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, A LOT OF THAT
24 DEALS WITH C.D.B.G. FUNDING. AND THEN 1-H, THEY'RE ALSO GOING
25 TO GET C.D.B.G. FUNDING FROM THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



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1 COMMISSION. AND SO IT SEEMS TO ME THAT THE MONEY IS GOING
2 FIRST TO THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION AND THEN TO THE
3 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES HOUSING COMMISSION.

4

5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WHICH THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
6 COMMISSION OVERSEES, IT'S IN THEIR SHOP.

7

8 **ARNOLD SACHS:** WELL, AGAIN, IT SEEMS TO BE SOME KIND OF PASS-
9 THROUGH LEGISLATION.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** DICTATED BY FEDERAL LAW.

12

13 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THANK YOU, SIR.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO MOVED, MR. CHAIRMAN.

16

17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. THE
18 CHAIR WILL SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. WE'LL CLOSE
19 THE PUBLIC HEARING AND THEN MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH,
20 THE CHAIR WILL SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

21

22 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THANK YOU. WE ARE NOW ON ITEM NO. 4. THIS
23 IS THE HEARING ON LEVYING OF OF FLOOD CONTROL BENEFIT
24 ASSESSMENTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009/10 AT THE SAME RATE THAT IS



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1 CURRENTLY IN EFFECT. THERE IS A DEPARTMENT STATEMENT ON THIS
2 MATTER AND NO CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED.

3

4 **CHRISTINE QUIRK:** GOOD AFTERNOON HONORABLE CHAIRMAN KNABE AND
5 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. MY NAME IS CHRISTINE QUIRK, AND I AM A
6 SENIOR CIVIL ENGINEER FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS. I
7 AM FAMILIAR WITH THESE PROCEEDINGS FOR THE LEVYING OF ANNUAL
8 FLOOD CONTROL BENEFIT ASSESSMENTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009/2010.
9 THE REPORT ON THE PROPOSED ASSESSMENT WAS PREPARED IN MY
10 OFFICE AND UNDER MY DIRECTION. NO INCREASE IN THE BENEFIT
11 ASSESSMENT RATE IS PROPOSED FOR THIS COMING FISCAL YEAR. IN MY
12 OPINION, THE PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY REQUIRE THE
13 PROPOSED USE OF ASSESSMENT FOR THE OPERATION, MAINTENANCE,
14 REHABILITATION AND CONSTRUCTION OF FLOOD CONTROL FACILITIES
15 AND FOR A REGULATORY PERMIT INCLUDING COMPLYING WITH THE
16 NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM MUNICIPAL
17 STORM WATER PERMIT REQUIREMENTS. BECAUSE THE OTHER SOURCES OF
18 FUNDING AVAILABLE TO THE FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICTS ARE NOT
19 ADEQUATE TO COVER THE COSTS OF THE VARIOUS PROGRAMS DESCRIBED
20 ABOVE. THE FLOOD CONTROL BENEFIT ASSESSMENTS CONTINUE TO BE
21 BASED UPON THE PROPORTIONATE STORM WATER RUNOFF IN THE
22 AFFECTED PARCEL AS SPECIFICALLY AUTHORIZED BY STATE LAW. IN MY
23 OPINION, THE PROPOSED ASSESSMENTS HAVE BEEN SPREAD IN
24 PROPORTION TO BENEFIT. AND WE HAVE RECEIVED NO VERBAL OR
25 WRITTEN PROTESTS TO THE PROPOSED ANNUAL BENEFIT ASSESSMENT.



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1 THEREFORE IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD ADOPT THE
2 RECOMMENDATION CONTAINED IN THE REPORT.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. ANY WORD FROM COUNSEL?

5

6 **LARRY HAFETZ:** NO, SUPERVISOR.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. AND THERE IS NO OBJECTIONS, IS
9 THAT CORRECT? NO, ANYTHING. ALL RIGHT. SO WE WILL CLOSE THE
10 PUBLIC HEARING. AND THEN WE CAN MOVE THE ITEM?

11

12 **LARRY HAFETZ:** THAT'S CORRECT.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY,
15 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.
16 THANK YOU.

17

18 **CHRISTINE QUIRK:** THANK YOU.

19

20 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THIS IS ITEM NO. 5, THE HEARING ON THE
21 SEWER SERVICE CHARGE ANNUAL REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009-10 FOR
22 THE CONSOLIDATED SEWER MAINTENANCE DISTRICT AND THE MARINA
23 SEWER MAINTENANCE DISTRICT TO ALLOW FOR THE CONTINUED
24 COLLECTION OF SEWER CHARGES WITH THE ANNUAL PROPERTY TAXES AT
25 THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR 2008/09 RATE, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF



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1 THE MALIBU MESA ZONE WHICH WILL DECREASE. THERE IS A
2 JURISDICTIONAL STATEMENT AND NO CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED ON
3 THIS MATTER.

4

5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THAT'S GOT TO BE A FIRST. A REDUCTION?
6 YES, SIR. GO AHEAD.

7

8 **NICHOLAS AGBOBU:** MY NAME IS NICHOLAS AGBOBU, AND I'M SENIOR
9 CIVIL ENGINEER FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS. I AM
10 FAMILIAR WITH THESE PROCEEDINGS, TO ONE, ADOPT THE ANNUAL
11 SEWER SERVICE CHARGE REPORT FOR THE CONSOLIDATED SEWER
12 MAINTENANCE AND THE MARINA SEWER MAINTENANCE DISTRICTS, FISCAL
13 YEAR 2009/2010. TWO, APPROVE A DECREASE IN ANNUAL SEWER
14 SERVICE CHARGES FOR THE MALIBU MESA ZONE. AND THREE, RETAIN
15 ALL OTHER SEWER SERVICES CHARGES AT THEIR EXISTING RATES AND
16 CONTINUE TO COLLECT SUCH CHARGES ON THE TAX ROLL FOR FISCAL
17 YEAR 2009/2010. THE REPORT ON THESE SEWER SERVICE CHARGES WAS
18 PREPARED IN MY OFFICE AND UNDER MY DIRECTION. IN MY OPINION,
19 IT IS NECESSARY TO DECREASE THE ANNUAL SEWER SERVICE CHARGES
20 FOR THE MALIBU MESA ZONE DUE TO ELIMINATION OF A ONE-TIME
21 CHARGE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008/2009 ADOPTED BY THE BOARD ON MAY
22 22ND, 2007. IN MY OPINION, IT IS ALSO NECESSARY TO RETAIN ALL
23 OTHER SEWER SERVICE CHARGES AT THEIR EXISTING RATES. IN MY
24 OPINION, THE PROPOSED DECREASED SEWER SERVICE CHARGES AND THE
25 OTHER EXISTING SEWER SERVICE CHARGES HAVE BEEN FAIRLY IMPOSED.



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1 IN MY OPINION, IT IS IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST TO CONTINUE TO
2 COLLECT ALL OF THE SEWER SERVICE CHARGES ON THE TAX ROLL
3 BECAUSE IT PROVIDES FOR THE MOST ORDERLY AND COST-EFFECTIVE
4 COLLECTION OF SURCHARGES FROM AFFECTED PROPERTY OWNERS.

5

6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ANY OTHER LEGAL COMMENTS?

7

8 **LARRY HAFETZ, COUNSEL:** NO, SUPERVISOR.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WE WILL CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING. MOVED
11 BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.
12 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

13

14 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** WE ARE NOW ON ITEM NO. 6, THIS IS THE
15 HEARING TO REVISE VARIOUS PUBLIC LIBRARY FINES FOR FEES FOR
16 SERVICES PROVIDED AND TO ESTABLISH A FEE FOR PRINTING FROM THE
17 PUBLIC INTERNET COMPUTERS EFFECTIVE 60 DAYS FROM ADOPTION.
18 THERE IS NO DEPARTMENT STATEMENT ON THIS MATTER AND NO
19 CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED.

20

21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ANYONE SIGN TO UP SPEAK PUBLICLY? OKAY.
22 THE ITEM IS THEN BEFORE US. WE WILL CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING.
23 MOVED BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR
24 YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

25



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1 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ITEM NO. 7. THIS IS A HEARING ON ANNEXATION
2 OF 30 PARCELS TO THE CONSOLIDATED SEWER MAINTENANCE DISTRICT'S
3 PARCELS 24-07 THROUGH 36-07, 11-08 THROUGH 18-08 AND 28-08
4 THROUGH 36-08 WITHIN THE UNINCORPORATED TERRITORIES AND THE
5 CITY OF SANTA CLARITA AND THE LEVYING OF SEWER SERVICE CHARGES
6 WITHIN THE ANNEXED PARCELS FOR THE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE
7 OF SEWER FACILITIES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010/2011. THERE IS A
8 DEPARTMENT STATEMENT ON THIS MATTER AND CORRESPONDENCE WAS
9 RECEIVED.

10

11 **NICHOLAS AGBOBU:** MY NAME IS NICHOLAS AGBOBU, I'M A SENIOR
12 CIVIL ENGINEER FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS. I AM
13 FAMILIAR WITH THESE PROCEEDINGS FOR THE ANNEXATION TO THE
14 CONSOLIDATION SEWER MAINTENANCE DISTRICTS OF A LEVY OF SEWER
15 SERVICE CHARGES TO 30 PARCELS IDENTIFIED IN THE BOARD LETTER
16 WHICH ARE LOCATED IN UNINCORPORATED COUNTY AND THE CITY OF
17 SANTA CLARITA. THE CITY HAS GRANTED ITS CONSENT AND
18 JURISDICTION. IN MY OPINION, ALL 30 PARCELS WILL BE BENEFITED
19 BY THE ANNEXATION TO THE DISTRICT AND BY THE SERVICE TO BE
20 PROVIDED. IN MY OPINION, THE SEWER SERVICE CHARGES HAVE BEEN
21 FAIRLY IMPOSED.

22

23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ANY LEGAL COMMENT?

24

25 **LARRY HAFETZ:** NO, SUPERVISOR.



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. THEN WE WILL CLOSE THE PUBLIC
3 HEARING. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. THE CHAIR WILL
4 SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

5

6 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** WE ARE NOW ON ITEM NO. 8. THIS IS THE DE
7 NOVO HEARING ON PROJECT NO. R2008-00708, ANIMAL PERMIT CASE
8 NO. 20080004 AND CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION TO AUTHORIZE THE
9 KEEPING AND MAINTAINING OF GOATS, HORSES, LLAMAS AND AN EMU
10 LOCATED AT 490 SMOKETREE DRIVE WITHIN THE UNINCORPORATED
11 COMMUNITY OF WEST CLAREMONT, NORTH CLAREMONT ZONE DISTRICT
12 APPLIED FOR BY ROBERTA ALGUERO AND IRIS FIORITO. THERE IS A
13 DEPARTMENT STATEMENT ON THIS MATTER AND NO CORRESPONDENCE WAS
14 RECEIVED.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. GO AHEAD FROM THE DEPARTMENT.

17

18 **DEAN EDWARDS:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS DEAN EDWARDS FROM THE
19 DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING. ITEM NO. 8 IS AN APPEAL OF
20 THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION'S APPROVAL OF ANIMAL PERMIT
21 20080004, TO ALLOW THE KEEPING AND MAINTAINING OF 10 GOATS,
22 TWO HORSES, ONE LLAMA, AND ONE EMU AT 490 SMOKETREE DRIVE IN
23 THE COMMUNITY OF WEST CLAREMONT, NORTH CLAREMONT ZONE DISTRICT
24 AND LIGHT AGRICULTURAL ZONE. AN ANIMAL PERMIT IS REQUIRED TO
25 KEEP OR MAINTAIN CLASSIFIED ANIMALS IN EXCESS OF THE NUMBER



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1 ALLOWED BY THE ZONING ORDINANCE, WHICH IS SIX ANIMALS FOR THIS
2 .78-ACRE PROPERTY. ALSO, AN ANIMAL PERMIT IS REQUIRED TO KEEP
3 WILD OR UNCLASSIFIED ANIMALS, SUCH AS THE EMU. THE DEPARTMENT
4 OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL WERE CONSULTED ON
5 THIS CASE. IN ADDITION TO THE REGIONAL PLANNING ANIMAL PERMIT,
6 AN ANIMAL KEEPER PERMIT IS REQUIRED FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF
7 PUBLIC HEALTH, AND A WILD ANIMAL PERMIT FOR THE EMU IS
8 REQUIRED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL. MORE
9 OPPONENTS TO THE CASE CITED CONCERNS ABOUT ODOR, HEALTH DUE TO
10 FLIES AND NOISE CAUSED BY AN EXCESSIVE NUMBER OF ANIMALS. IN
11 ITS DECEMBER 10TH, 2008 DECISION, THE COMMISSION REDUCED THE
12 NUMBER OF ALLOWED GOATS FROM 15 TO 10, THE NUMBER ALLOWED BY
13 PREVIOUSLY APPROVED BUT EXPIRED ANIMAL PERMIT. THAT CONCLUDES
14 MY PRESENTATION.

15
16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ARE THERE ANY QUESTIONS OF STAFF? OKAY.
17 IF NOT, WE'LL CALL UP SOME PUBLIC TESTIMONY, PEOPLE SIGNED UP.
18 FIRST OF ALL, CALL UP MICHAEL MARZBAN AND REZA DIANATI. OKAY.
19 WOULD SOMEONE LIKE TO GO AHEAD? IDENTIFY YOURSELF FOR THE
20 RECORD.

21
22 **MICHAEL MARZBAN:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS MICHAEL M.
23 MARZBAN. THIS IS REZA DIANATI. WE DID SUBMIT A BRIEF, AND I'M
24 NOT SURE WHETHER OR NOT THE BOARD RECEIVED IT. BUT I DO HAVE
25 FOUR EXTRA COPIES I CAN GIVE OUT RIGHT NOW.



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** GO AHEAD. AT LEAST IN MY OFFICE WE HAVE
3 RECEIVED IT.

4

5 **MICHAEL MARZBAN:** YOU HAVE RECEIVED IT? GREAT, THANK YOU. ALL
6 RIGHT, REALLY QUICKLY ABOUT THE ANIMAL PERMIT AND WHAT IT
7 TAKES TO HAVE AN ANIMAL PERMIT. THERE ARE THREE MAJOR
8 COMPONENTS THAT WE HAVE TO LOOK AT: USE, QUANTITY, AND
9 QUALITY. IT'S EQUIVALENT TO TRYING TO FIND A STOOL TO SIT ON.
10 IF EITHER LEG IS BROKEN, IF ANY OF THE LEGS ARE BROKEN, YOU
11 DON'T WANT TO SIT ON IT. SO THE USE THAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR HAS
12 TO BE FOR PERSONAL USE. HERE WE HAVE A SITUATION WHERE AN
13 ANIMAL PERMIT WAS GRANTED. AND AFTER THE ANIMAL PERMIT WAS
14 GRAND, WE HAD ABOUT 30 TO 40 GOATS ON THE PROPERTY. THIS IS
15 AFTER THIS PERMIT WAS GRANTED THEY VIOLATED IT. SO THE USE IS
16 NOT FOR PERSONAL. THERE'S NO PERSONAL USE HERE. THE ONLY USE
17 THAT THEY HAVE IS BUSINESS USE. AND THE REASON WHY IS BECAUSE
18 THE OLDER GOATS GET REPLACED WITH YOUNGER GOATS EVERY NOW AND
19 THEN WHEN THE VAN SHOWS UP. THEY ROUND THEM UP AND TAKE THEM
20 OUT. SO THAT'S ONE, USE. NUMBER TWO, YOU HAVE TO LOOK AT
21 QUALITY. THE QUALITY, AND HERE'S A HEALTH COMPONENT, TOO. NOT
22 ONLY THE QUALITY OF MR. DIANATI'S LAND, WHICH IS PART OF THE
23 ANIMAL PERMIT APPLICATION REQUIREMENT. YOU HAVE TO CONSIDER
24 THAT. BUT THE PUBLIC HEALTH QUALITY, AS WELL. THE PICTURES
25 THAT ARE DEPICTED IN EXHIBIT 1 OF THE BRIEF SHOWS GROUNDS FULL



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1 OF WASTE. IT'S UNKEPT. THIS IS HORRIBLE NOT ONLY FOR THE
2 ANIMALS BUT IT'S HORRIBLE FOR THE VALUATION OF MR. DIANATI'S
3 LAND AND PUBLIC HUMAN HEALTH. NOWADAYS, ANIMALS ARE
4 CONTRIBUTING A LOT MORE TOWARD DISEASE AND VIRUS RATIO. AND
5 FINALLY, YOU GOT TO LOOK AT QUANTITY. IN TERMS OF BREEDING, I
6 HAVE PAPERWORK HERE THAT I'M GOING TO HAND OUT THAT WASN'T A
7 PART OF THE INITIAL BRIEF. THERE ARE FIVE COPIES. AND
8 ESSENTIALLY THE SECOND PACKET AND THE LAST PORTION OF IT IS
9 SECTION 22, 24-100 WHICH SAYS IF YOU WANT TO BREED ANIMALS,
10 YOU HAVE TO DO IT ON A PARCEL OF LAND THAT'S 5 ACRES. AND YOU
11 CANNOT GET AN ANIMAL PERMIT TO DO THAT IF YOUR PARCEL OF LAND
12 IS NOT AT LEAST 5 ACRES. HERE WE HAVE A PARCEL OF LAND THAT'S
13 LESS THAN 35,000 SQUARE FEET. THE PERMIT SHOULD NOT BE GRANTED
14 GRANTED.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. NEXT.

17

18 **REZA DIANATI:** MY NAME IS REZA DIANATI. I WOULD LIKE TO GIVE A
19 VERY QUICK ZONING BACKGROUND AND A DESCRIPTION OF THE
20 NEIGHBORHOOD THAT I LIVE IN. THE NEIGHBORHOOD IS PREDOMINANTLY
21 RESIDENTIAL AND IS CATEGORIZE AS A-1, WHICH MEANS LIGHT
22 AGRICULTURAL. BUT AS STATED IN COUNTY GENERAL LAND USE AS
23 DESCRIBED IN THE STAFF ANALYSIS PAGE 19 OF 43 OF THE DOCUMENTS
24 THAT YOU HAVE, THE SUBJECT PROPERTY IS IN A LOW DENSITY
25 RESIDENTIAL AREA. NOW, PER SECTION 22-52.320, NO ANIMAL CAN BE



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1 USED, UNLESS FOR PERSONAL OR PETS ONLY. IT CANNOT BE USED FOR
2 COMMERCIAL. AND TO SUPPLEMENT THAT, SECTION 22-24-100 SAYS NO
3 BREEDING OF GOATS UNLESS YOU HAVE 5 ACRES, AS MENTIONED. AND
4 TO HAVE ADULT GOATS, YOU NEED TO HAVE A MINIMUM OF 15,000
5 SQUARE FEET. THIS ELIMINATES A GREAT MAJORITY OF ANY OF THE
6 PROPERTIES THAT ARE ABLE TO EVEN HAVE ANY ADULT GOATS, MUCH
7 LESS WANT TO EVEN RAISE GOATS OR BREED THEM. SO BREEDING IS
8 BANNED BECAUSE IT KIND OF GOES INTO THE COMMERCIAL PURPOSE
9 SENSE THIS ANIMAL MAINTENANCE. IT'S NOT FOR PERSONAL USE. WHEN
10 YOU ARE MAINTAINING SO MANY, WHEN YOU TRY TO BREED GOATS AND
11 TRY TO RAISE THEM, IT KIND OF GOES TOWARD THE REALM OF NOT
12 BEING PERSONAL USE AND BEING PETS BUT MORE TO A COMMERCIAL
13 USE. AND THEN SO THAT'S WHY ALSO THE CODE SPECIFICALLY
14 MENTIONS THAT THERE HAS TO BE OF SIX MONTHS OF AGE. 15,000 IS
15 THE MINIMUM SQUARE FOOTAGE REQUIRED. AND THEN ONCE YOU HAVE
16 THAT MINIMUM REQUIREMENT, YOU NEED TO HAVE 5,000 PER GOAT OF
17 SIX MONTHS OF AGE. SO THERE'S THE AGE LIMITATION THAT IS
18 PLACED ON THIS. AND THEN WE ARE IN UNINCORPORATED SECTION OF
19 THE CITY OF LA VERNE, WHICH IS A SMALL POCKET WITHIN THE CITY
20 OF LA VERNE. CITY OF LA VERNE DOES NOT ALLOW ANY GOATS, IT
21 ONLY ALLOWS PETS. NOW, I'D LIKE TO VERY QUICKLY MENTION THAT
22 PART OF THE ANIMAL PERMIT IS THEIR AFFIDAVIT TO STATE THAT
23 THIS IS FOR THEIR PERSONAL USE. NOW I'D LIKE TO MENTION THAT
24 ON OCTOBER 15TH, 2008, AS LATE AS OCTOBER 15TH, 2008, THERE
25 WAS AN INSPECTION DONE AND THERE WAS 25 GOATS. A YEAR PRIOR TO



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1 THAT ON THE DECEMBER 12TH, 2007, AS STATED IN THE STAFF
2 ANALYSIS REPORT, THERE WAS INSPECTION DONE AND THEY HAD
3 EXCEEDED THE LIMITS. SO IN ALL CASES, I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW
4 WHEN TWO OLDER PEOPLE, WHY WOULD THEY NEED 40 GOATS? AT ONE
5 TIME THEY HAD 40 GOATS. AND AT A LATER TIME THEY HAD 30 GOATS.
6 WHY WOULD THEY NEED SO MANY GOATS AS THEIR PERSONAL USE?

7

8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. THANK YOU. NEXT I'M GOING TO CALL
9 UP IRIS FIORITO AND JEAN ALLOCATI. GO AHEAD IF YOU'LL IDENTIFY
10 YOURSELF, AND PLEASE BEGIN YOUR TESTIMONY.

11

12 **JEAN ALLOCATI:** YES, GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS JEAN ALLOCATI.
13 I AM IRIS FIORITO'S SON AND SPEAKING ON HER BEHALF. I HAVE
14 SOME PAGES HERE OF A LETTER THAT WE ANSWERED. UNFORTUNATELY,
15 WE DIDN'T HAVE TIME TO PUT ANYTHING ELSE IN AND MAIL IT IN. I
16 THINK THERE IS A COPY FOR EACH MEMBER.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WE WILL MAKE THAT PART OF THE RECORD.
19 THANK YOU.

20

21 **JEAN ALLOCATI:** THANK YOU. FIRST AND FOREMOST TO MR. ANTONOVICH
22 AND THE BOARD, I WOULD BE MORE THAN HAPPY AND BE FIRST IN THE
23 LINE TO ADOPT CHLOE, HOWEVER WE'RE RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE A
24 DISPUTE HAVING TO DO WITH ANIMALS, SO I DON'T THINK WE HAVE
25 ROOM FOR ANOTHER ONE. THIS PROPERTY IS NOT USING GOATS OR



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1 ANIMALS FOR COMMERCIAL ASPECTS IN ANY WAY, SHAPE OR FORM. IN
2 FACT, FACT, WE WOULD WELCOME MR. DIANATI TO PROVE THAT. WHEN
3 HE HAS MAYBE SEEN A VAN OR A U-HAUL TRAILER ON THE PROPERTY,
4 IT'S TO REMOVE GOATS FROM THE PROPERTY IN AN EFFORT TO LIMIT
5 THE NUMBER. WE HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO KEEP THE GOATS FROM
6 PROCREATING, BUT WE HAVE MADE AN AGREEMENT TO MINIMIZE THE
7 NUMBER TO THE NUMBER OF GOATS THAT THE REGIONAL PLANNING
8 COMMISSION APPROVED, WHICH WAS 10, THE TWO HORSES. AND WE ALSO
9 AGREED TO NOT LET THEM PROCREATE ANY LONGER. IN OTHER WORDS,
10 IF WE WERE GOING TO KEEP ANY MALES, TO SEPARATE THEM FROM THE
11 REST OF THE FEMALES AND NOT ALLOW THEM TO PROCREATE. WE DO
12 HAVE AN EXCESS NUMBER OF GOATS. I DON'T DISAGREE WITH THAT.
13 HOWEVER, THE MAJORITY OF THE YOUNGER GOATS ARE UNDER SIX
14 MONTHS OF AGE. WE HAVE AGREED TO REMOVE AND DISPOSE OF SOME OF
15 THOSE GOATS. OBVIOUSLY WE DON'T SLAUGHTER THEM. SO WE WOULD
16 HAVE TO SELL THEM AT AUCTION WITH A PORTION OF THE PROCEEDS
17 BEING DONATED TO THE HUMANE SOCIETY. WE'VE WORKED CLOSELY WITH
18 ANIMAL CONTROL, WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN
19 SERVICES ALSO FOLLOWING THE PROPERTY CLOSELY. IT WAS SUGGESTED
20 TO ME BY A REPRESENTATIVE ON FRIDAY ON A TELEPHONE CALL THAT
21 PERHAPS THERE WAS AN AGREEMENT WHERE WE COULD BUILD A WALL.
22 AND WE WOULD BE MORE THAN HAPPY TO DO SO IF THE COSTS ARE
23 SPLIT EVENLY 50/50. THE ONLY CONCERN IS AT THIS TIME, THERE IS
24 ALSO AN ONGOING CASE WITH ANOTHER NEIGHBOR WHO HAS AN EMPTY
25 LOT OF LAND NEXT TO MR. DIANATI'S AND ADJACENT TO OUR PROPERTY



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1 REGARDING THE BOUNDARIES OF THE PROPERTIES. SO THAT WOULD BE
2 SUBJECT TO THAT CASE, OBVIOUSLY.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YOU HAVE A TOUGH NEIGHBORHOOD.

5

6 **JEAN ALLOCATI:** YEAH, IT SEEMS LIKE IT. WE'VE BEEN THERE SINCE
7 APRIL 10TH, 1989. WE'VE BEEN HERE BEFORE. I DON'T KNOW IF YOU
8 WERE HERE AND IF YOU RECALL. BUT THIS GENTLEMAN AND THE
9 ADJACENT NEIGHBORS MOVED INTO THE NEIGHBORHOOD FAR AFTER WE'VE
10 HAD THE ANIMALS. I MEAN WE HAVE NO PROBLEM IN WORKING WITH
11 THEM. IT JUST HAS TO BE SOMETHING REASONABLE. IT CAN'T BE --
12 HIS ENJOYMENT SHOULD NOT IMPEDE UPON OUR ENJOYMENT OR VICE
13 VERSA AND WE UNDERSTAND THAT.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MA'AM?

16

17 **IRIS FIORITO:** NO, I WANT TO ADD THAT WE HAVE BEEN THERE SINCE
18 1989, APRIL 10TH. WE DO THIS OUT OF LOVE. WE KNOW THAT THIS IS
19 HARD TIME FOR ANIMALS. WE KNOW WE HAVE A FEW MORE GOATS THAN
20 WE SHOULD. I LOVE THEM. AND BASICALLY I JUST CAN'T GET RID OF
21 THEM. BUT I WILL IF I HAVE TO. BUT WE ARE JUST DOING THIS
22 BECAUSE WE LOVE THE ANIMALS. AND IT IS FOR -- WE DON'T REALLY
23 USE ANIMALS FOR ANY COMMERCIAL PURPOSES. BESIDES IT'S VERY
24 EXPENSIVE. I'M JUST A TEACHER. I TEACH AT CRESCENTA CITY
25 COLLEGE, I'M SEMI-RETIRED. AND I WORK TWO MORE JOBS TO FEED



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1 THESE ANIMALS AND TO KEEP THEM. SO BASICALLY I THINK THAT MY
2 NEIGHBORS SHOULD HAVE KNOWN BEFORE IF THEY WANTED TO SHARE
3 ANIMALS WITH US BECAUSE THIS LAND WAS VACANT FOR A LONG TIME,
4 WE DIDN'T HIDE THE ANIMALS, WE WERE THERE. AND THEY DECIDED TO
5 BUILD THERE. THE HOUSE IS BLOCKING MY VIEWS TO THE HILLS. AND
6 I DON'T THINK BASICALLY, THERE IS A SEPTIC TANK NOW NEXT TO MY
7 PROPERTY THAT WAS NOT THERE BEFORE. I THINK THAT HIS PROPERTY
8 DEVALUES MY PROPERTY. SO BASICALLY I DON'T SEE ANY NEED WHY WE
9 CANNOT WORK OUT SOME KIND OF ARRANGEMENT. OF COURSE WE WILL
10 CONVEY AND WE'LL ABIDE BY THE LAWS. BUT WE FEEL THAT IT
11 WOULDN'T BE JUST TO DENY US THE PERMIT.

12

13 **JEAN ALLOCATI:** I HAVE A COUPLE MORE THINGS TO ADD IF I MAY IF
14 SHE ALLOWS.

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16 **IRIS FIORITO:** YES.

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18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YOU CAN USE THAT TIME.

19

20 **JEAN ALLOCATE:** IN THE CITY LA VERNE, LESS THAN TWO MILES AWAY,
21 THERE ARE HORSE STABLES WHICH HOUSE MORE THAN 10 HORSES. AND
22 IF MR. DIANATI DOESN'T REALIZE, HE HAS A HOUSE MAYBE ACROSS
23 THE STREET FROM HIM THAT HAS HORSE CORRALS. THEY DON'T HOUSE
24 HORSES AT THIS TIME AND IT'S RIGHT NEXT TO THE BOYS' HOME. BUT



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1 THERE ARE SEVERAL PROPERTIES IN THE IMMEDIATE AREA THAT ARE
2 ZONED AND ABLE TO HOUSE HORSES.

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4 **IRIS FIORITO:** AND IF YOU ALLOW ME, THERE IS A STABLE WITH A
5 HUNDRED HORSES ACROSS BASELINE IN THE CITY OF LA VERNE.

6

7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY.

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9 **JEAN ALLOCATI:** THANK YOU.

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11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. I DON'T HAVE ANY OTHER. MR.
12 ANTONOVICH?

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14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET ME ASK A COUPLE QUESTIONS. HOW LARGE IS
15 THE SUBJECT PROPERTY?

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17 **DEAN EDWARDS:** .78 ACRES.

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19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HOW IS IT ZONED?

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21 **DEAN EDWARDS:** LIGHT AGRICULTURE.

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23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** DOES AGRICULTURAL ZONING ALLOW FOR THE
24 KEEPING OF ANIMALS?

25



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1 **DEAN EDWARDS:** YES, IT DOES.

2

3 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HOW MANY GOATS ARE ALLOWED BY RIGHT?

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5 **DEAN EDWARDS:** THEY WOULD BE ALLOWED THREE ON THIS PROPERTY IF
6 THEY KEPT THE TWO HORSES AND THE LLAMA. WITHOUT THOSE, IT
7 WOULD BE SIX.

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9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE EMU?

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11 **DEAN EDWARDS:** HOW MANY WOULD BE ALLOWED?

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13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** RIGHT.

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15 **DEAN EDWARDS:** IT WOULD NEED AN ANIMAL PERMIT FOR THE EMU.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HOW MANY GOATS DID THE ANIMAL REQUEST ON THE
18 APPLICATION?

19

20 **DEAN EDWARDS:** ORIGINALLY IT WAS 15 AND THEN R.P.C. MOVED IT
21 DOWN TO 10.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO REGIONAL PLANNING APPROVED 10 GOATS AND HE
24 REQUESTED, WHAT? 15 OR 16?

25



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1 **DEAN EDWARDS:** CORRECT.

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3 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHAT WAS THE VOTE OF THE COMMISSION?

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5 **DEAN EDWARDS:** 4-0 WITH ONE ABSENT.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHAT WERE THE CONCERNS OF THE NEIGHBORS?

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9 **DEAN EDWARDS:** ODOR PRIMARILY. THERE WAS ALSO A CONCERN ABOUT
10 SAFETY WHEN ACCESSING THE PROPERTY, HEALTH FROM THE FLIES AND
11 ALSO NOISE.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND WOULD A BUFFER ADDRESS SOME OF THOSE
14 CONCERNS?

15

16 **DEAN EDWARDS:** IT WOULD HELP.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND WOULD CONSTRUCTING A SOLID MASONRY WALL
19 ON THE PROPERTY LINE ADDRESS THOSE CONCERNS?

20

21 **DEAN EDWARDS:** IT WOULD HELP.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS, THIS ANIMAL PERMIT
24 CASE NO. 200800045 IS A REQUEST TO KEEP 15 GOATS, TWO HORSES,
25 ONE LLAMA, AND ONE EMU ON A RELATIVELY LARGE PROPERTY AT 490



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1 SMOKETREE DRIVE IN UNINCORPORATED LA VERNE. AFTER PUBLIC
2 TESTIMONY, THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION APPROVED THE
3 REQUEST. THE COMMISSION'S DECISION REDUCED THE NUMBER OF GOATS
4 FROM THE 15 IN THE APPLICANT'S REQUEST TO A MAXIMUM OF 10.
5 NEIGHBORING PROPERTY OWNERS APPEALED THAT DETERMINATION,
6 REQUESTING A DENIAL OF THE ENTIRE APPLICATION. THE UNANIMOUS
7 DECISION AS STATED 4-0, WITH ONE ABSENT, CAREFULLY BALANCED
8 TWO COMPETING INTERESTS: THE APPLICANT'S RIGHT TO KEEP AND
9 MAINTAIN ANIMALS ON A PROPERTY ZONED FOR AGRICULTURAL USES AND
10 A NEIGHBORS' DESIRE TO PRESERVE THE QUIET ENJOYMENT OF THEIR
11 PROPERTIES. I THINK COMMISSION'S CONSIDERED DECISION THE
12 NEIGHBORS RAISED SOME SIGNIFICANT CONCERNS THAT REQUIRED
13 ADDITIONAL PROTECTION. SO I WOULD MOVE THAT THE BOARD CLOSE
14 THE PUBLIC HEARING, FIND THAT THE PROJECT IS CATEGORICALLY
15 EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT, INDICATE
16 THE BOARD'S INTENT TO DENY THE APPEAL AND REAFFIRM THE
17 REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION'S APPROVAL THE ANIMAL PERMIT CASE
18 SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS: THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF
19 GOATS ON THE PROPERTY AT ANY TIME SHALL NOT EXCEED 10. THE
20 NUMBER SHALL INCLUDE GOATS OF ALL AGES, INCLUDING BUT NOT
21 LIMITED TO ADULTS, CHILDREN AND NEWBORN GOATS. THERE SHALL BE
22 A 35-FOOT BUFFER ON THE NORTHERLY SIDE OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY
23 BORDERING THE ADJOINING SINGLE-FAMILY DWELLINGS ON THE NORTH-
24 FACING BASELINE ROAD. ALL GOATS OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY SHALL
25 REMAIN OUTSIDE THIS PORTION OF THE PROPERTY AT ALL TIMES. MALE



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1 AND FEMALE GOATS SHALL BE SEGREGATED ON THE SUBJECT PROPERTY
2 AT ALL TIMES. THE MALES AND FEMALES SHOULD NOT BE CONSIDERED
3 ALLOWED TO EAT, BOARD, SLEEP NOR OTHERWISE BE IN EACH OTHER'S
4 COMPANY AT ANY TIME. THE APPLICANT SHALL OBTAIN ALL REQUIRED
5 PERMITS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL. WITHIN
6 180 DAYS OF THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE GRANT AND THE SOLE
7 EXPENSE OF THE APPLICANT THE APPLICANT SHALL CONSTRUCT A SOLID
8 MASONRY WALL OF SIX FEET IN HEIGHT ALONG OR ABUTTING THE
9 ENTIRE NORTHERLY PROPERTY LINE. IT SHALL BE CONSTRUCTED
10 ENTIRELY ON THE SUBJECT PROPERTY. ALTERNATELY, AND IF THE
11 APPLICANT CAN AGAIN CONSENT OF ADJOINING PROPERTY OWNERS TO
12 THE NORTH, THE WALL MAY STRADDLE THE PROPERTY LINE. DURING THE
13 FIRST YEAR OF OPERATION, REGIONAL PLANNING SHALL CONDUCT FOUR
14 SITE VISITATION INSPECTIONS. TWO OF THOSE INSPECTIONS SHALL BE
15 ANNOUNCED, TWO SHALL BE UNANNOUNCED. THE APPLICANT SHALL
16 ARRANGE TO PROVIDE UNRESTRICTED ACCESS TO REGIONAL PLANNING
17 STAFF DURING BUSINESS HOURS MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY 9 A.M. TO 5
18 P.M., EXCLUDING HOLIDAYS. THE DIRECTOR OF REGIONAL PLANNING
19 SHALL CONDUCT A DIRECTOR'S REPORT AND PREPARE A REPORT NO
20 LATER THAN 12 MONTHS AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS GRANT
21 EVALUATING THE APPLICANT'S COMPLIANCE WITH ALL CONDITIONS. THE
22 REPORT SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
23 FOR DISCUSSION AT A REGULARLY SCHEDULED COMMISSION MEETING
24 WITH ADEQUATE NOTICE TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES FOR
25 CONSIDERATION OF APPROPRIATE ACTION IF THE APPLICANT FAILS TO



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1 COMPLY WITH THE CONDITIONS HEREIN. FAILURE OF THE APPLICANT TO
2 COMPLY WITH THE CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL SHALL BE GROUNDS FOR
3 REVOCATION, AND DIRECT COUNSEL TO PREPARE A FINAL FINDINGS AND
4 CONDITIONS FOR APPROVAL TO BRING BACK TO THE BOARD OF
5 SUPERVISORS SUPERVISORS.

6

7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. THE
8 CHAIR WILL SECOND. THAT DOES CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING, IS THAT
9 CORRECT? WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

10

11 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** WE ARE NOW ON ITEM 10. THIS IS THE HEARING
12 TO EXERCISE THE OPTION AND TO CONSUMMATE THE PURCHASE OF
13 PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2040 WEST HOLT AVENUE, CITY OF POMONA, FOR
14 THE USE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES. THERE IS
15 A DEPARTMENT STATEMENT ON THIS MATTER AND NO CORRESPONDENCE
16 WAS RECEIVED.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** IS THERE ANYONE SIGNED UP?

19

20 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** I THOUGHT WE DID.

21

22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** DO WE HAVE A DEPARTMENT STATEMENT ON
23 THIS ITEM?

24



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1 **LARRY HAFETZ:** THERE IS NO REQUIRED DEPARTMENT STATEMENT FOR
2 THIS MATTER.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OH. SO WE'LL OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING.
5 WE'LL CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING, HOW'S THAT?

6

7 **LARRY HAFETZ:** THAT SOUNDS GOOD.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WE HAVE NO ONE SIGNED UP, IS THAT
10 CORRECT?

11

12 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** CORRECT.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. THEN THIS ITEM WILL BE MOVED BY
15 SUPERVISOR MOLINA. THE CHAIR WILL SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION,
16 SO ORDERED.

17

18 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** AND WE ARE NOW ON AGENDA ITEM NO. 12. THIS
19 IS THE COMBINED HEARING ON GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT CASE NO.
20 2008-00006 ZONE CHANGE CASE NO. 03-137, CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT
21 CASE NO. 03-137 AND TENTATIVE TRACT MAP NO. 060027, AND
22 NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1022 WEST 223RD
23 STREET, WITHIN THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY OF THE WEST
24 CARSON, CARSON ZONE DISTRICT, PETITIONED BY RED CURB



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1 INVESTMENTS, L.L.C. THERE IS A DEPARTMENT STATEMENT ON THIS
2 MATTER, AND NO CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. WE'RE GOING TO HAVE A DEPARTMENT
5 STATEMENT, IS THAT CORRECT? YOU ARE ANXIOUSLY AWAITING TO DO
6 THAT, I KNOW.

7

8 **JODIE SACKETT:** YES, GOOD AFTERNOON, MR. CHAIR AND SUPERVISORS.
9 MY NAME IS JODIE SACKETT, AND I AM SENIOR REGIONAL PLANNING
10 ASSISTANT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING. THE
11 PROJECT BEFORE YOU TODAY IS A REQUEST FOR A MULTI-FAMILY
12 RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT OF 21 ATTACHED CONDOMINIUM UNITS ON
13 1.41 GROSS ACRES, LOCATED AT 1022 WEST 223RD STREET IN THE
14 CARSON ZONED DISTRICT, IN THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY OF WEST
15 CARSON. THE WEST CARSON COMMUNITY IS A DESIGNATED URBAN
16 REVITALIZATION AREA OF THE ADOPTED COUNTY- WIDE GENERAL PLAN.
17 THE PROJECT REQUESTS A GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT AND ZONE CHANGE
18 TO ALLOW A MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL LAND USE AND ZONING AND
19 A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR A DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM TO ENSURE
20 STRICT DESIGN STANDARDS THROUGH THE DURATION OF THE PROJECT'S
21 PERMITTING AND CONSTRUCTION. A NEGATIVE DECLARATION HAS BEEN
22 PREPARED FOR THIS PROJECT DETERMINING THAT ENVIRONMENTAL
23 IMPACTS WILL BE LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT AND/OR HAVE NO IMPACT.
24 THIS PROJECT WAS HEARD BEFORE THE REGIONAL PLANNING ON
25 SEPTEMBER 17TH, 2008. AT THE SEPTEMBER 17TH, 2008 PUBLIC



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1 HEARING, STAFF INDICATED ITS SUPPORT OF THE DEVELOPMENT. THERE
2 WAS NO TESTIMONY GIVEN BY SURROUNDING RESIDENTS AND NO
3 PETITIONS WERE SUBMITTED EITHER OPPOSED TO OR IN FAVOR OF THE
4 PROJECT. AT THE SEPTEMBER 17TH, 2008 HEARING, THE REGIONAL
5 PLANNING COMMISSION PROPOSED THREE MINOR CHANGES TO THE
6 DEVELOPMENT TO INCREASE THE SECURITY AND PRIVACY OF RESIDENTS
7 AND INSURE THE PREVENTION OF GRAFFITI AND VANDALISM. THE
8 COMMISSION APPROVED THE PROJECT BEFORE YOUR BOARD TODAY WITH
9 THESE MINOR CHANGES ON SEPTEMBER 17TH, 2008. THIS CONCLUDES
10 STAFF'S PRESENTATION, AND STAFF IS AVAILABLE TO ANSWER ANY
11 QUESTIONS.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** IF NOT, WE WILL OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING.
14 ANY QUESTIONS? NO QUESTIONS? ALL RIGHT, WE'LL OPEN THE PUBLIC
15 HEARING. ARNOLD SACHS.

16

17 **ARNOLD SACHS:** JUST A QUICK QUESTION ON THIS. WILL QUIMBY FEES
18 COLLECTED FOR THIS PROJECT? AND IF THEY WILL, HAS THERE BEEN,
19 LIKE WITH DID GRAND AVENUE PROJECT, HAS THERE BEEN A PARK AREA
20 DESIGNATED IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF WEST CARSON TO BE
21 USED FOR THE QUIMBY FEES? THANK YOU.

22

23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT. WE WILL CLOSE THE
24 PUBLIC HEARING. ANY ADVICE FROM LEGAL?

25



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1 **LARRY HAFETZ, COUNSEL:** SUPERVISOR, I THINK STAFF WAS GOING TO
2 JUST RESPOND TO THAT ONE QUICK POINT.

3

4 **JODIE SACKETT:** YES, QUIMBY FEES WILL BE COLLECTED FOR THIS
5 DEVELOPMENT PROJECT, TO ANSWER THE QUESTION.

6

7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. OKAY. PUBLIC HEARING IS
8 CLOSED. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. PARDON ME? DO YOU
9 HAVE A --

10

11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THIS PROJECT WILL ALLOW FOR THE
12 DEVELOPMENT OF 21 NEW TOWNHOMES IN THE UNINCORPORATED WEST
13 CARSON COMMUNITY. APPROXIMATELY 32 PERCENT OF THE PROJECT SITE
14 IS PROPOSED AS OPEN SPACE AND RECREATIONAL AREA, TO INCLUDE A
15 PLAY AREA, PLANTERS, LANDSCAPING AND PATIOS. THIS INFILL
16 PROJECT IS CONSISTENT WITH THE CHARACTER OF THE SURROUNDING
17 COMMUNITIES AND HAS RECEIVED GENERAL SUPPORT FROM INTERESTED
18 STAKEHOLDERS. REQUIRED IMPROVEMENTS CALL FOR SIGNIFICANT
19 LANDSCAPING AROUND THE NEW TOWNHOME UNITS AND WILL ADDRESS THE
20 AESTHETIC, SECURITY AND PRIVACY ISSUES. THEREFORE, MR.
21 CHAIRMAN AND COLLEAGUES, I'D LIKE TO MOVE THAT WE PROCEED WITH
22 THE CLOSING OF THE PUBLIC HEARING AS IT HAS DONE, ADOPT THE
23 NEGATIVE DECLARATION PREPARED UNDER THE C.E.Q.A., INDICATE THE
24 BOARD'S INTENT TO APPROVE THIS PROJECT, WHICH INCLUDES THE
25 GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT, CASE NUMBERS INDICATED AS SPECIFIED,



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1 AND THEN INSTRUCT THE COUNTY COUNSEL TO PREPARE THE FINAL
2 FINDINGS AND CONDITIONS FOR APPROVAL TO BRING BACK TO THE
3 BOARD FOR ITS CONSIDERATION AT THE BOARD MEETING AS SPECIFIED
4 CONSISTENT WITH THE AGENDA TO BE DETERMINED.

5

6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. IF WE COULD HAVE
7 THAT MOTION PASSED OUT? OKAY. AND WE NEED A COPY FOR THE
8 EXECUTIVE OFFICER. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. THE
9 CHAIR WILL SECOND IT. WITHOUT -- OH, EXCUSE ME. CLOSE THE
10 PUBLIC HEARING.

11

12 **LARRY HAFETZ, COUNSEL:** CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING, YES.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** AND THEN MOVED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-
15 THOMAS. THE CHAIR WILL SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.
16 I JUST WANT TO KEEP THESE PUBLIC HEARINGS OPEN TODAY. WITHOUT
17 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

18

19 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** AND THAT COMPLETES THE PUBLIC HEARINGS.
20 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH IS UP FIRST WITH SPECIALS.

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22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, YOU ARE UP FIRST
23 WITH ADJOURNMENTS, SPECIALS.

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IN MEMORY OF PATRICIA ALLEN, LONGTIME
2 RESIDENT OF COVINA. WIFE OF COVINA MAYOR, WALTER ALLEN, WHO
3 PASSED AWAY ON MAY 19TH AFTER A 16-YEAR BATTLE WITH CANCER.
4 PAT WAS AN ARTIST SPECIALIZING IN ACRYLIC AND OIL. SHE WAS
5 VERY ACTIVE IN THE COMMUNITY VERY COURAGEOUS LADY WHO FOUGHT
6 VERY COURAGEOUSLY WITH HER CANCER. VERY STRONG. AND SHE'S
7 SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND, WALTER, OF 37 YEARS AND HER SON,
8 WALTER DAVID ALLEN IV, AND TWO BROTHERS. BUT SHE WAS A
9 WONDERFUL LADY, A STRONG SUPPORT TO WALTER AND VERY COURAGEOUS
10 LADY. SO ADJOURN IN HER MEMORY.

11

12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YEAH. AND LIKE I SAID, ALL MEMBERS. I
13 THINK I KNEW HER WELL, TOO. SHE WAS A HECK OF A FIGHTER. A
14 JUST A CLASS ACT ALL THE WAY TO THE END. SO OUR THOUGHTS AND
15 PRAYERS WITH THE WALTON FAMILY.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** VERY WONDERFUL LADY. WAYNE ALLWINE OF
18 GLENDALE, HE WAS THE WALT DISNEY STUDIOS VOICEOVER ARTIST. HE
19 WAS THE VOICE OF MICKEY MOUSE. HIS WIFE IS THE VOICE OF MINNIE
20 MOUSE. HE PASSED AWAY. HE WAS AN EMMY AWARD-WINNING FORMER
21 SOUND EFFECT EDITOR AND FOLEY ARTIST. HE MADE HIS DEBUT
22 VOICING THE WORLD'S MOST FAMOUS MOUSE ON THE MICKEY MOUSE CLUB
23 BACK IN 1977, 32 YEARS AGO, AND WENT ON TO SUPPLY MICKEY'S
24 VOICE FOR ALL THE VARIOUS MOVIES, TV SPECIALS, THEME PARKS,
25 RECORDS, TOYS, AND VIDEO GAMES. AND HIS WIFE RUSTY, AS I SAID,



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1 IS THE VOICE FOR MINNIE. HE WAS A GRADUATE OF BURROUGHS HIGH
2 SCHOOL IN BURBANK. AND PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 62. HEAVEN
3 TAEJOHNAE MCBRIDE. HEAVEN WAS TRAGICALLY KILLED IN AN AUTO
4 ACCIDENT AT AGE 16 YEARS OF AGE, AND IS REMEMBERED BY DOZENS
5 OF TEACHERS AND STUDENTS OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY STUDENTS ON
6 THE ACADEMIC RISE HIGH SCHOOL AS A VERY BRIGHT, CHEERFUL YOUNG
7 WOMAN. SHE WAS THE OLDEST OF FIVE CHILDREN, IN A SPECIALIZED
8 SCHOOL IN ANTELOPE VALLEY THAT IS PART OF THE JOINT UNION HIGH
9 SCHOOL DISTRICT WHICH INTEGRATES COLLEGE COURSES INTO THE HIGH
10 SCHOOL CURRICULUM, EMPHASIZING MATH, SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING.
11 STUDENTS WHO GRADUATE FROM THIS CLASS RECEIVE HIGH SCHOOL
12 DIPLOMAS ALONG WITH ASSOCIATE COLLEGE DEGREES IN FIVE YEARS.
13 SHE HAD RECENTLY CELEBRATED HER 16TH BIRTHDAY WITH HER FAMILY.
14 DR. ROLF MCPHERSON PASSED AWAY. HE WAS PRESIDENT EMERITUS OF
15 THE INTERNATIONAL CHURCH OF THE FOURSQUARE GOSPEL. HE LEAVES
16 HIS WIFE, MICHAEL; AND HIS DAUGHTER, ALICIA. RALPH WINTER, A
17 CHRISTIAN MISSIONARY WHO WAS NAMED ONE OF AMERICA'S 25 MOST
18 INFLUENTIAL EVANGELICALS BY TIME MAGAZINE IN 2005, DIED IN HIS
19 HOME IN PASADENA. HE BEGAN HIS CAREER AS A PRESBYTERIAN
20 MISSIONARY IN GUATEMALA, 10 YEARS LATER HE RETURNED TO THE
21 UNITED STATES WHERE HE BECAME PROFESSOR OF MISSIONS AT FULLER
22 THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY IN PASADENA. HE HAD RECEIVED HIS
23 DOCTORATE DEGREE IN LINGUISTICS, ANTHROPOLOGY AND MATHEMATICAL
24 STATISTICS AT CORNELL UNIVERSITY, HIS MASTERS IN TEACHING
25 ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE AT COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY. AND HAD



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1 BEEN ORDAINED AS A PRESBYTERIAN MINISTRY AT PRINCETON'S
2 THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY IN 1956. A LADY WHO I HAD A GREAT RESPECT
3 FOR, DR. MARIAN WAGSTAFF, DR. MARIAN WAGSTAFF PASSED AWAY AT
4 THE AGE OF 97. SHE WAS A TEACHER WHO HAD INTEGRATED THE
5 COMPTON SCHOOL FACULTY IN THE 1940S AFTER GRADUATING FROM
6 COLLEGE. SHE THEN TAUGHT FROM A ONE-ROOM SCHOOLHOUSE, WHEN SHE
7 MOVED TO SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA TO BECOME WILLOWBROOK'S ASSISTANT
8 PRINCIPAL, AND THEN ON TO HER LEADERSHIP WHERE SHE OBTAINED
9 HER MASTER'S DEGREE AT STANFORD UNIVERSITY AND HER DOCTORATE
10 IN 1958. SHE WAS PROFESSOR EMERITUS OF EDUCATION AT CALIFORNIA
11 STATE UNIVERSITY OF LOS ANGELES. AND SHE HAD DONE A WONDERFUL
12 JOB IN INTEGRATING THE L.A. UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT AND
13 EDUCATION, BOTH FOR STUDENT AND FACULTY THROUGH HER
14 LEADERSHIP. SHE HAPPENED TO BE THE TEACHER WHO MOTIVATED ME TO
15 BECOME AN EDUCATOR, DR. SARAH SCHAEFFER FROM RUSSELL
16 ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN SOUTH CENTRAL LOS ANGELES. WHEN I GOT OUT
17 OF THE ARMY, SCHAEFFER HAD DR. WAGSTAFF BECOME MY COUNSELOR TO
18 ADVISE ME FOR MY COLLEGE EDUCATION IN EDUCATION. AND SO SHE
19 ASSISTED ME WHEN I GOT OUT OF THE ARMY AND METRICULATED INTO
20 COLLEGE. BUT SHE WAS A REAL TRAILBLAZER. AND THEY'RE GOING TO
21 BE GIVING A MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR HER ON JUNE 27TH AT CAL STATE
22 LOS ANGELES CAMPUS AT 11 A.M. AND FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION,
23 THEY CAN CONTACT WARNER DAVIS AT 760-721-5297. BUT SHE WAS A
24 WONDERFUL LADY. THOSE ARE MY ADJOURNMENTS.

25



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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

2

3 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND I WOULD LIKE TO MOVE THAT AN AWARD OF
4 \$20,000 IN EXCHANGE FOR INFORMATION THAT WOULD LEAD TO THE
5 ARREST AND/OR CONVICTION OF THE SUSPECT OR SUSPECTS WHO SHOT
6 AND KILLED JASON WEI ON NOVEMBER 25TH, 2007, AT APPROXIMATELY
7 9:24 AT THE OSAKA YA SUSHI RESTAURANT LOCATED AT 815 WEST
8 NAOMI AVENUE IN ARCADIA. JASON AND HIS WIFE WERE THE
9 OWNER/OPERATORS OF THIS RESTAURANT. AN ARMED ROBBER HAD
10 ENTERED THE RESTAURANT THROUGH THE REAR DOOR, WHERE HE MANAGED
11 TO LEAVE THE RESTAURANT WITHOUT SUFFERING ANY HARM, BUT THE
12 SUSPECT PROCEEDED TO ROB THE RESTAURANT BEFORE LEAVING THE
13 SCENE, SHOOTING JASON, THE OWNER, AND TAKING HIS WIFE'S WALLET
14 AND THE MONEY FROM THE CASH REGISTER, ALL CAPTURED ON
15 SURVEILLANCE VIDEO. HOWEVER, NONE OF THE LEADS THUS FAR HAVE
16 PROVEN FRUITFUL. THE ARCADIA POLICE DEPARTMENT IS SEEKING A
17 REWARD TO OFFER ASSISTANCE IN THEIR EFFORTS TO COMPLETE THIS
18 INVESTIGATION. THE SECOND ONE IS A MOTION FOR NEXT WEEK, SINCE
19 THE EARLY 1970S, SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA HAS BEEN PROVIDING -- THE
20 STATE OF CALIFORNIA HAS BEEN PROVIDING CONSUMER-DIRECTED IN-
21 HOME SERVICES. THE PROGRAM WAS DEVELOPED TO ALLOW THOSE IN
22 NEED OF LONG-TERM CARE TO OBTAIN THEIR TREATMENT IN A HOME
23 SETTING RATHER THAN IN A NURSING HOME OR OTHER INSTITUTION.
24 CALIFORNIA'S PROGRAM HAS BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN PROVIDING
25 ALTERNATIVES TO A NURSING HOME CARE AND ALLOWING INDIVIDUALS



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1 TO STAY IN THEIR HOMES WHILE STILL RECEIVING THE NECESSARY
2 DAILY CARE. EVERY STATE THAT RECEIVES FEDERAL MEDICAID DOLLARS
3 MUST PROVIDE NURSING HOME SERVICES, BUT PRESENTLY, COMMUNITY-
4 BASED SERVICES ARE OPTIONAL AND NOT IMPLEMENTED CONSISTENTLY
5 THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY. STATES MUST CONTINUALLY OBTAIN A MEDI-
6 CAL WAIVER TO IMPLEMENT SUCH A COMMUNITY-BASED MODEL AND THREE
7 PROGRAMS VARY GREATLY FROM STATE TO STATE. THE COMMUNITY
8 CHOICE ACT HAS BEEN INTRODUCED AS H.R.1670 AND SENATE BILL 683
9 IN CONGRESS. THIS WOULD ESTABLISH A NATIONWIDE STANDARD OF
10 COVERAGE UNDER THE MEDICAID PROGRAM FOR COMMUNITY-BASED
11 ATTENDANT CARE FOR LONG-TERM CARE OF PATIENTS OF ALL AGES. IT
12 WOULD MAKE AVAILABLE ENHANCED FEDERAL MATCHING FOR THOSE
13 STATES, SUCH AS CALIFORNIA, THAT HAVE ALREADY IMPLEMENTED THIS
14 APPROACH. HAVING THE MONEY TO FOLLOW THE PERSON PROVIDES
15 GREATER CHOICE FOR THE 2 MILLION AMERICANS PRESENTLY RESIDING
16 IN NURSING HOMES BECAUSE THEY REQUIRE FULL-TIME ATTENDANT
17 CARE. STATES LIKE CALIFORNIA, THIS LEGISLATION RECOGNIZES THE
18 WORK THAT HAS BEEN DONE ALREADY AND WOULD MAKE THIS PROGRAM
19 PERMANENT. SO I'D MOVE THAT THE BOARD DIRECT THE C.E.O. TO
20 OBTAIN A FIVE-SIGNATURE LETTER TO THE BOARD, TO THE LOS
21 ANGELES COUNTY CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION AND KEY CONGRESSIONAL
22 COMMITTEE MEMBERS TO SUPPORT H.R.1670 AND S.683, THE COMMUNITY
23 CHOICE ACT, TO ENSURE THAT THE MONEY FOLLOWS THE PATIENT AND
24 ALLOWS DISABLED INDIVIDUALS TO CHOOSE WHERE AND HOW THEY
25 RECEIVE CARE. WHEN I WAS IN THE STATE LEGISLATURE, I HAD



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1 SUCCESSFULLY AUTHORED LEGISLATION THAT ALLOWED THOSE
2 INDIVIDUALS WHO REQUIRE 24-HOUR CARE AND ARE IN STATE MEDICAL
3 INSTITUTIONS TO ALLOW THEM TO GO HOME FOR, I BELIEVE IT WAS
4 TWO TO FOUR WEEKS A YEAR, WITHOUT LOSING THEIR STATE MEDICAL
5 AID AND ASSISTANCE. AND THAT WAS BROUGHT ABOUT THROUGH A
6 CONSTITUENT WHO HAD A DAUGHTER, HAD CHILDREN, I SHOULD SAY,
7 THAT HAD NEUROLOGICAL DISABILITIES. THEY COULD NOT LEAVE THE
8 FACILITY WITHOUT LOSING THEIR CARE. AND THIS LEGISLATION,
9 WHICH WAS SUCCESSFUL, ALLOWS THEM TO GO HOME TO BE REUNITED
10 WITH THEIR FAMILY TO KEEP FAMILY INTACT WITHOUT LOSING THEIR
11 BENEFITS. AND THIS FOLLOWS THAT CONCEPT OF KEEPING FAMILIES
12 TOGETHER. AND I THINK IT'S A GOOD PROJECT, A GOOD PROPOSAL.
13 AND THAT WOULD BE ON FOR NEXT WEEK'S AGENDA. MR. FUJIOKA, ON
14 THE STATE DEFICIT, WE INDICATED THAT WE HAVE A \$21.3 BILLION
15 DEFICIT AND THAT THAT FIGURE COULD GROW AND ESPECIALLY WITH
16 THE DOWNGRADING OF OUR BOND RATINGS, WHERE NOW WE HAVE, I
17 GUESS, FOURTH WORLD RATINGS, BECAUSE THEY ARE NOW IN THE WORST
18 BOND RATING OF ANY OF THE 50 STATES IN THE UNION. WHAT IS OUR
19 DEFICIT, STATE DEFICIT PROJECTED TO BE NOW?

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21 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** COMBINED WITH THE GAP THAT WAS CLOSED BACK
22 WHEN THE BUDGET WAS FIRST ADOPTED, IT'S IN EXCESS OF \$60
23 BILLION. THE CURRENT DEFICIT NOW IS ABOUT, I BELIEVE IT'S
24 ABOUT 21.3 OR \$21.5 BILLION AT THIS POINT IN TIME.



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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THIS DEFICIT, AS WE ALL KNOW, IMPACTS
2 EVERYONE. ON FRIDAY I HAD SENT A LETTER TO THE GOVERNOR WITH
3 SOME SUGGESTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION. AND ONE OF THOSE WAS TO
4 APPOINT A BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION OF FIVE INDIVIDUALS FROM OUR
5 STATE'S BUSINESS UNIVERSITIES AND FOR THEM TO COME UP WITH A
6 STRUCTURAL REFORM, NOT JUST A BAND-AID, BUT ACTUAL STRUCTURAL
7 REFORM THAT A SPECIAL SESSION OF THE LEGISLATURE COULD THEN
8 DEAL WITH. AND THIS WOULD BE BECAUSE THE DEFICIT CONTINUES TO
9 GROW IN A SHORT TIME FRAME. AND THE STRUCTURAL REFORMS OUGHT
10 TO INCLUDE EVALUATION OF CONSOLIDATING AND ELIMINATING STATE
11 AGENCIES WITH DUPLICATIVE AND/OR UNNEEDED RESPONSIBILITIES, A
12 TWO-YEAR BUDGET WHICH WOULD PROVIDE STABILITY FOR SCHOOLS,
13 CITIES, COUNTIES IN THEIR BUDGET PROCEEDINGS, ELIMINATING
14 NONESSENTIAL COMMISSIONS AND REPLACING SALARIED COMMISSIONERS
15 WITH \$100 STIPENDS FOR MEETINGS, SIMILAR TO WHAT THE COUNTY
16 AND OTHER LOCAL GOVERNMENTS DO. A PART-TIME LEGISLATURE
17 REPEALING TERM LIMITS. ELIMINATING LEGISLATION THAT REQUIRES
18 MORE DOLLARS TO PASS THAN RECIPIENTS WILL RECEIVE. FOR
19 EXAMPLE, IT TAKES ABOUT HALF A MILLION DOLLARS TO PASS A
20 LEGISLATIVE PROPOSAL TO GIVE A COMMUNITY A \$50,000 GRANT,
21 WHICH THERE OUGHT TO BE A THRESHOLD AS TO WHAT CAN BE DONE.
22 AND ALSO, REFORMING CIVIL SERVICE. BUT STRUCTURAL REFORM NEEDS
23 TO BE REVIEWED AT THE STATE LEVEL. AND HAVING FIVE MEMBERS
24 FROM OUR STATE PRIVATE BUSINESS SCHOOLS COME TOGETHER AND LOOK
25 AT HOW YOU CAN DEVELOP A STRUCTURAL CHANGE WOULD TAKE IT OUT



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1 OF THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS AND THEN HAVE THE LEGISLATURE
2 ADDRESS THOSE CONCERNS. THEY CAN MAKE MODIFICATIONS IN A
3 SHORTER TIME FRAME BECAUSE EACH DAY WE DELAY, THAT DEFICIT
4 CONTINUES TO GROW. AND WE CAN ONLY TAX SO MUCH BEFORE THE
5 GOOSE, YOU KNOW, GOLDEN EGG COLLAPSES. AND WE'RE SEEING THAT.
6 BUT THIS IS A VERY SERIOUS ISSUE. AND I WOULD HOPE THAT THE
7 LEGISLATURE WOULD DEVOTE ALL OF THEIR TIME, ALL MEMBERS, AND
8 NOT JUST A HANDFUL IN RESOLVING THIS. BUT IT'S A NONPARTISAN
9 ISSUE. IT'S GOT TO BE RESOLVED. AND WE HAVE TO MOVE FORWARD.
10 BUT THOSE ARE MY SUGGESTIONS. ON THE ITEMS, LET ME CALL UP S-
11 1. S-2. LET ME DO S-2. AND I WANT TO ASK ON S-2 TO -- THE
12 C.E.O.? THIS IS THE PROPOSAL WHICH REPLICATES NEW YORK CITY'S
13 STREET TO HOME, A TWO-YEAR DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM FOR SKID
14 ROW'S 50 MOST VULNERABLE HOMELESS. THE QUESTION I WOULD LIKE
15 TO ASK, WHILE THE SUPPORTING BOARD MEMO INCLUDES A PRELIMINARY
16 COST AVOIDANCE ESTIMATES, AVOIDANCE DOES NOT MEAN COST
17 SAVINGS. SO HOW WOULD WE CONSIDER EXPANDING A PILOT WITHOUT
18 THE BENEFIT OF A COMPLETE COST BENEFIT ANALYSIS? AND DOES IT
19 MAKE SENSE TO EXPAND ANY PILOT COUNTY-WIDE THAT IS NOT YET
20 COMPLETED?

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22 **MIGUEL SANTANA:** WELL I CAN CERTAINLY GO INTO THAT WITHIN MY
23 PRESENTATION. MIGUEL SANTANA, DEPUTY C.E.O. WHAT WE KNOW FROM
24 THIS PROJECT IS THAT THE COST AVOIDANCE HAS BEEN SIGNIFICANT.
25 BECAUSE WE KNOW WHO THESE INDIVIDUALS ARE, WE WERE ABLE TO GO



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1 BACK AND TRACK HOW OFTEN THEY USED OUR HOSPITAL ROOMS, HOW
2 MANY TIMES THEY USED OUR EMERGENCY ROOMS. AND IN THE YEAR
3 PRIOR TO BEING HOUSED, COLLECTIVELY THEY SPENT 200 DAYS USING
4 OUR HOSPITAL ROOMS. ONCE THEY WERE HOUSED WITHIN PROJECT 50,
5 THEY WENT DOWN TO 50 DAYS A YEAR. THE COST DIFFERENTIAL IS
6 WHEN THEY WERE AT 200, IT WAS \$677,000 FOR THE COUNTY. AND AT
7 50 DAYS IT WAS AT \$185,000 TO THE COUNTY. THE SAME COULD BE
8 SAID ABOUT OUR JAILS. IN TOTAL, BECAUSE AGAIN WE TRACKED, WE
9 WENT BACK AND LOOKED AT THEIR USAGE WITHIN OUR JAIL SYSTEM,
10 DURING THE YEAR PRIOR TO PARTICIPATING ON THIS PROJECT,
11 COLLECTIVELY THEY SPENT 700 DAYS IN JAIL COSTING THE COUNTY
12 \$79,000. IN THE FIRST YEAR OF THIS PROJECT, THEY SPENT LESS
13 THAN 100 DAYS IN JAIL. SO THIS PROJECT ESSENTIALLY ENDS UP
14 PAYING FOR ITSELF BY VIRTUE OF THE FACT THAT WE ARE TREATING
15 PEOPLE NOT ONLY IN A MORE HUMANE MANNER BUT IN A MUCH MORE
16 COST-EFFECTIVE MANNER. NOW, TRACKING HOW TO BUDGET THAT IS
17 OBVIOUSLY A DIFFICULT THING. AND THIS YEAR WE'RE WORKING ON
18 TRYING TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO BETTER DO THAT. AND THIS IS THE
19 YEAR THAT WE'RE GOING TO BE DOING THE MORE EXTENSIVE
20 EVALUATION. BUT THIS IS JUST PRELIMINARY DATA THAT WE'VE
21 COVERED SO FAR.

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23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND ACROSS ALL OF THE VARIOUS COUNTY
24 DEPARTMENTS WE HAVE, HOW MANY OF OUR PERSONNEL ARE ADDRESSING
25 THESE 50 INDIVIDUALS?



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2 **MIGUEL SANTANA:** WELL, THERE HAVE BEEN ABOUT 26 DIFFERENT
3 DEPARTMENTS, NOT JUST WITHIN THE COUNTY, BUT WITH THE CITY OF
4 LOS ANGELES, NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS, FEDERAL AND STATE
5 ORGANIZATIONS, AS WELL. IT'S AN UNPRECEDENTED COLLABORATION
6 AMONG ALL THESE VARIOUS AGENCIES. IF I COULD GIVE A BRIEF
7 PRESENTATION, PERHAPS IT WOULD HELP ANSWER SOME OF THE
8 QUESTIONS IN ADVANCE? IS THAT FINE?

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10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SURE.

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12 **MIGUEL SANTANA:** IN 2006, THIS BOARD MADE AN UNPRECEDENTED MOVE
13 BY SUPPORTING \$100 MILLION TO ADDRESS THE ISSUE OF
14 HOMELESSNESS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. AND IT TOOK THIS MOVE BY
15 LOOKING AT PREVENTION AND FIGURING OUT WAYS TO REDUCE HOMELESS
16 THAT CURRENTLY EXIST. ONE OF THE UNIQUE ASPECTS OF THIS
17 PROGRAM THAT HAS BEEN TALKED ABOUT AROUND THE COUNTRY IS THAT
18 THE BOARD DEDICATED SPECIALIZED FUNDING FOR INNOVATIVE
19 PROGRAMS, PROGRAMS USING BEST PRACTICES FROM THROUGHOUT THE
20 COUNTRY. PROJECT 50, LIKE THE SKID ROW HOUSING PROJECT FOR
21 FAMILIES AND OTHER PROJECTS, IS ONE OF THEM. OTHER INNOVATIVE
22 APPROACHES HAVE BEEN WORKING WITH THE COGS IN THE SAN GABRIEL
23 VALLEY IN THE WEST SIDE, IN THE GATEWAY CITIES TO BRING A
24 REGIONAL APPROACH. PROJECT 50 IS ONE OF MANY OF THESE
25 PROJECTS. IT REPRESENTS NOT THE ENTIRE WORK THAT WE'RE DOING



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1 IN HOMELESSNESS BUT IT REPRESENTS A SIGNIFICANT PORTION OF IT.
2 BECAUSE FOR THE FIRST TIME WHAT THIS PROGRAM DOES, IT ACTUALLY
3 ACKNOWLEDGES THAT THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS SOMEONE WHO IS
4 SERVICE RESISTANT. THERE'S BEEN A LONG FALLACY THAT THOSE
5 PEOPLE IN SKID ROW ARE IN SKID ROW AND COULD NEVER BE SERVICED
6 BECAUSE OF THEIR MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES OR THEIR DRUG ADDICTION
7 ISSUES. WHAT THIS PROJECT HAS PROVEN IS THAT VIRTUALLY EVERY
8 INDIVIDUAL, 96 PERCENT OF THE INDIVIDUALS THAT WE APPROACHED,
9 ACCEPTED HOUSING AND ACCEPTED THE ASSISTANCE THAT WE PROVIDED
10 AS A COUNTY. WHEN YOUR BOARD APPROVED THIS PROJECT BACK IN
11 JANUARY OF '08, YOU ASKED US TO ENGAGE IN AN UNPRECEDENTED
12 COALITION WITH THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, WITH THE NONPROFIT
13 SECTOR, WITH J.W.C.H., WITH THE APPROACH FROM COMMON GROUNDS
14 FROM NEW YORK, AND YOU ALSO ASKED US THAT WE FIND WAYS TO
15 REDUCE THE BUDGET BECAUSE YOU WERE CONCERNED THAT THE BUDGET
16 WAS SLIGHTLY TOO HIGH FOR SUCH A SMALL NUMBER OF PEOPLE. THE
17 ORIGINAL BUDGET YOU APPROVED WAS 5.6. AND BY LOOKING CAREFULLY
18 AT EVERY ASPECT OF THIS PROGRAM, WE WERE ABLE TO REDUCE IT
19 DOWN TO 3.2. SIGNIFICANT PARTS OF THOSE COSTS WERE ALL ONE-
20 TIME COSTS. AND MOST OF IT WAS REALLY FOR THE GLUE MONEY,
21 MONEY THAT THE FEDERAL AND STATE GOVERNMENTS DON'T PAY FOR
22 SIMPLY BECAUSE THERE ISN'T A FUNDING STREAM FOR THAT
23 POPULATION. IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE BOARD'S ADOPTION OF THIS
24 PROGRAM, WE CREATED TWO TEAMS. ONE AN EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT
25 TEAM WHICH I CHAIRED AND ANOTHER AN INTEGRATED SUPPORTIVE



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1 SERVICES TEAM THAT DID THE DAY-TO-DAY WORK. MY JOB WAS TO MAKE
2 SURE THAT WE BROUGHT TOGETHER ALL THE PRINCIPALS FROM ALL THE
3 ORGANIZATIONS, OUR PARTNERS IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, OUR
4 PARTNERS WITH THE PRIVATE SECTOR, TO CUT THROUGH EVERY SINGLE
5 RED TAPE THAT WE COULD POSSIBLY FIND. AND LET ME SAY THAT THEY
6 WERE SIGNIFICANT. WHEN YOU WORK WITH A POPULATION THAT'S BEEN
7 HOMELESS FOR NOT JUST DECADES BUT FOR MULTIPLE DECADES, THESE
8 ARE INDIVIDUALS THAT DON'T HAVE A DRIVER'S LICENSE. THEY DON'T
9 HAVE SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS. THEY DON'T HAVE THE KIND OF
10 IDENTIFICATION THAT ALLOWS THEM TO APPLY FOR REGULAR COUNTY
11 PROGRAMS. AND SO WHAT WE NEEDED TO DO WAS PROVIDE THE SUPPORT
12 TO THE TEAM SO THAT WE COULD WORK AND IDENTIFYING WAYS TO GIVE
13 THEM THOSE BASIC TOOLS SO THAT THEY COULD ACTUALLY QUALIFY FOR
14 COUNTY AND FEDERAL AND STATE SERVICES. WE ENGAGED IN A SERIES
15 OF DAILY CONFERENCE CALLS WHERE WE PLACED THE CLIENT AT THE
16 CENTER OF WHAT WE DID. EVERY SINGLE MORNING AT 7:30 IN THE
17 MORNING WE WOULD ASK OURSELVES THE STATUS OF EVERY SINGLE
18 PERSON AND TRY TO TROUBLESHOOT TO FIND WAYS TO HELP THAT
19 PERSON INTO HOUSING. WHAT WE WERE ABLE TO DO WITHIN 20 DAYS IS
20 TO PLACE OUR FIRST PERSON INTO HOUSING. AND ACTUALLY FROM WHAT
21 WE HEAR WHEN WE DISCUSS THIS PROJECT THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY IS
22 UNPRECEDENTED. THE FIRST PERSON WE PUT IN WAS MR. LIVINGSTON,
23 WHO HAD BEEN HOMELESS FOR NEARLY 30 YEARS. AND THE FUNNY THING
24 ABOUT MR. LIVINGSTON IS THAT WHILE HE WAS HOMELESS AND WHEN WE
25 GAVE HIM THE KEY TO HIS APARTMENT, HE WAS CONCERNED THAT



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1 SOMEONE ELSE HAD THE KEY AND REFUSED TO STAY THERE UNTIL HE
2 COULD ACTUALLY PROVE THAT HE HAD THE ONLY KEY INTO HIS PLACE
3 BECAUSE HE WAS AFRAID THAT SOMEONE WOULD ACTUALLY COME IN.
4 THIS WAS SOMEONE WHO HAD BEEN HOMELESS FOR AS LONG AS HE HAD.
5 ONCE WE CHANGED THE LOCKS AND CONVINCED HIM, HE STAYED IN AND
6 HE BEGAN TO GET THE SUPPORT THAT HE NEEDED TO ADDRESS THE
7 ISSUES THAT GOT HIM THERE IN THE FIRST PLACE. AS WE PROCEEDED
8 FORWARD WITH THE PROJECT, IT BECAME A CHALLENGE TO START
9 IDENTIFYING THE FIRST ORIGINAL 50 THAT WE IDENTIFIED. SOME OF
10 THEM HAD MOVED AWAY. SOME OF THEM HAD BEEN INCARCERATED. AND
11 SO WE EXPANDED THAT LIST. AND WE BEGAN TO LOOK FOR THE
12 ADDITIONAL FOLKS WHO WERE THE MOST CHRONIC, THE MOST
13 VULNERABLE. AND THAT TOOL PROVED TO BE THE MOST EFFECTIVE WAY
14 OF DETERMINING WHO SHOULD RECEIVE THIS PROGRAM. BASICALLY THAT
15 TOOL IDENTIFIES, TELLS YOU THAT IF YOU'RE ON THAT LIST, YOU
16 HAVE THE HIGHEST PROBABILITY OF DYING. IT'S THAT SIMPLE. IT'S
17 THAT DIRECT. IT'S NOT THE KIND OF LIST YOU WANT TO BE ON. AND
18 AS WE MOVED BACK, WORKED BACKWARDS IN IDENTIFYING THOSE
19 INDIVIDUALS, WE FOUND THAT SOME OF THEM NEEDED IMMEDIATE
20 INPATIENT TREATMENT. SOME OF THEM WENT STRAIGHT INTO
21 REHABILITATION TREATMENT FOR MONTHS. SOME OF THEM, THEIR
22 PHYSICAL AILMENTS WERE SO SEVERE THAT THEY HAD TO BE
23 HOSPITALIZED OR PUT INTO SNIFF BEDS. BY THE FIRST YEAR, WE
24 WERE SUCCESSFULLY ABLE TO PUT IN 50 INDIVIDUALS INTO HOUSING.
25 AND NOT ONLY DID WE PUT THEM IN, WE KEPT THEM IN HOUSING. AND



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1 WE DID THIS BY PUTTING AN INTEGRATIVE TEAM OF MENTAL HEALTH
2 AND PUBLIC HEALTH AND HEALTH SERVICES WHOSE SOLE
3 RESPONSIBILITY WAS TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY DID EVERYTHING THEY
4 COULD TO KEEP THAT PERSON IN THEIR HOME. IT WAS A CHALLENGE
5 FOR OUR TEAM AT FIRST BECAUSE THIS IS FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS
6 ANGELES TO INTEGRATE SERVICES, TO TRACK PEOPLE USING ONE
7 COMMON TOOL TO DEVELOP THE CONSENT FORMS THAT WE NEEDED WAS
8 ALL ISSUES THAT AS YOU ALL KNOW HAVE BEEN DIFFICULT FOR US TO
9 ACHIEVE. AND WE WERE ABLE TO BREAK THROUGH THOSE LEGAL
10 BARRIERS, THOSE TECHNOLOGICAL BARRIERS, AND THE CULTURAL
11 BARRIERS AMONG VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS BY PLACING THE CLIENT AT
12 THE CENTER OF WHAT WE DID. SO WHERE ARE WE NOW? WE HAVE 49
13 PEOPLE HOUSED AND WE HAVE THREE INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE BEEN --
14 ARE BEING STEPPED DOWN INTO SECTION 8 HOUSING OUTSIDE OF THE
15 SKID ROW AREA, WHICH IS ULTIMATELY THE GOAL. WE HAVE PEOPLE
16 WHO WHENEVER WE MOVE SOMEONE OUT, OUR GOAL IS TO IDENTIFY THE
17 NEXT PERSON WHO IS ON THE INDEX AND PLACE THEM INTO THAT BED.
18 BUT LET'S REMEMBER THAT THIS IS A PILOT PROJECT. AND LIKE
19 EVERY PILOT PROJECT, THERE ARE A SERIES OF QUESTIONS THAT WE
20 ASKED OURSELVES AND CERTAIN OBJECTIVES THAT WE SEE TO LOOK AT.
21 AND THE LESSONS THAT WE'VE LEARNED ARE AS CRITICAL AS THE 50
22 PEOPLE THAT WE HAVE PLACED IN HOUSING. THE FIRST LESSON, AS I
23 SAID, IS THAT THIS POPULATION CAN BE SERVICED. THIS POPULATION
24 DOES NOT JUST EXIST IN SKID ROW. IT IS IN PASADENA, IN POMONA,
25 IN SANTA MONICA, EVERY PART OF THE COUNTY THAT WE FIND THAT



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1 THERE ARE INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE THE MOST CHRONIC, THE MOST
2 VULNERABLE, THE FREQUENT FLYERS OF OUR SYSTEM. WE ALSO FOUND
3 OUT, WHICH FOR SOME OF US IS COMMON SENSE BUT IS REVOLUTIONARY
4 FOR THE COUNTY, IS THAT OUTREACH MUST BE CONSISTENT, IT MUST
5 BE CLIENT-CENTERED, IT MUST BE COMPASSIONATE. WE LITERALLY
6 NEEDED TO WALK PEOPLE THROUGH THIS PROCESS AND GIVE THEM ONE
7 LAST CHANCE. THESE ARE INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE FALLEN THROUGH
8 EVERY SINGLE CRACK IN OUR SYSTEM, NOT JUST ONCE BUT MULTIPLE
9 TIMES FOR YEARS AND YEARS AND YEARS. EVERYONE, THEIR FAMILIES
10 AND GOVERNMENT, HAD PRETTY MUCH GIVEN UP ON THEM. AND IT WAS
11 HARD FOR THEM TO BELIEVE THAT THERE WAS ACTUALLY SOME INTEREST
12 FROM A GROUP OF PEOPLE TO TRY TO GET THEM INTO HOUSING AND
13 KEEP THEM IN HOUSING AND PROVIDE THEM WHATEVER TOOLS THEY
14 NEEDED SO THEY COULD BE SUCCESSFUL. WE WERE ALSO SUCCESSFUL AT
15 MAXIMIZING RESOURCES. THE MAJORITY OF THESE PEOPLE WE WERE
16 ABLE TO GET ON G.R. AND THEN SUCCESSFULLY PLACE INTO S.S.I. BY
17 WORKING CLOSELY AND TRACKING THEIR PAPERWORK SO THEY RECEIVED
18 ADDITIONAL BENEFITS. WE'VE LEARNED THAT A CENTRAL PART OF THIS
19 PARTNERSHIP IS OUR HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS. W.C.H. HAS BEEN
20 EXTREMELY EFFECTIVE IN MAXIMIZING ITS RESOURCES AS A FEDERAL
21 QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTER. AND WE PROPOSE THAT ANY FUTURE WORK
22 FOR THIS POPULATION BE DONE WITH SIMILAR TYPES OF CLINICS. THE
23 OTHER THING WE LEARNED IS THAT AS TAXPAYERS, WE REALLY CAN'T
24 AFFORD NOT TO DO A PROGRAM LIKE PROJECT 50. CALL IT PROJECT
25 50, CALL IT SOMETHING ELSE. AT THE END OF THE DAY, THESE



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1 INDIVIDUALS END UP COSTING US MORE AS TAXPAYERS THAN IT IS IF
2 WE PROVIDE THEM SERVICES. THE STATISTICS I CITED EARLIER
3 SIMPLY STATE THAT FACT. THESE ARE THE FOLKS THAT USE OUR
4 EMERGENCY ROOMS ON A REGULAR BASIS, WHO GO IN AND OUT OF OUR
5 JAILS, WHO CLOG UP OUR COURT SYSTEMS, WHO ARE ARRESTED ON A
6 CONTINUAL BASIS. AND SO WE COULD CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN THAT
7 PROBLEM AND CONTINUE TO ALLOW THOSE COSTS TO INCUR, OR WE
8 COULD ACTUALLY TRY TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE BY CHANGING AND
9 STOPPING THAT CYCLE THAT EXISTS. WE'VE ALSO LEARNED THAT THE
10 MAJORITY OF THESE INDIVIDUALS, ONE OF THE COMMON THREADS THAT
11 THEY HAVE IS MENTAL ILLNESS. 95 PERCENT OF THEM ARE RECEIVING
12 MENTAL TREATMENT. AND AS A RESULT, WE SHIFTED THE LEAD OF THE
13 PROGRAM FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH TO THE DEPARTMENT
14 OF MENTAL HEALTH. MENTAL HEALTH HAS BEEN EXTREMELY SUCCESSFUL
15 IN MANAGING THE CASE MANAGEMENT OF THIS PROGRAM, LOOKING AT
16 DEALING FROM EVERYTHING FROM MEDICATION TO MAKING SURE THAT
17 THERE'S GROUP AND INDIVIDUAL THERAPY. AND THAT IS THE PRIMARY
18 REASON WE ARE RECOMMENDING THAT THIS PROGRAM BE PERMANENTLY
19 HOUSED WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH FOR ALL FUTURE.
20 WE ALSO KNOW THAT A SIGNIFICANT PORTION OF THIS POPULATION HAS
21 SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROBLEMS. THIS SHOULD NOT COME AS A SURPRISE
22 TO ANY OF US IF WE JUST DRIVE BY SKID ROW. AND WE'RE FORTUNATE
23 THAT THE MAJORITY OF THEM, 84 PERCENT OF THEM, HAVE ACTUALLY
24 ENGAGED IN DRUG ABUSE TREATMENT. AND IF ANY OF YOU KNOW
25 SOMEONE WHO IS SUFFERING FROM ALCOHOLISM FOR DRUG ABUSE, YOU



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1 KNOW THAT IT'S AN ONGOING PROCESS, IT'S NEVER SOMETHING THAT
2 YOU SOLVE ONE DAY. YOU HAVE TO WORK ON IT EVERY SINGLE DAY.
3 BUT AN ESSENTIAL LESSON ALSO LEARNED WAS THAT THERE NEEDED TO
4 BE LEADERSHIP FOR THIS PROGRAM. AND IT STARTS WITH THE
5 POLITICAL LEADERSHIP PROVIDED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY AND
6 HIS STAFF, AND THE LEADERSHIP FROM MY OFFICE AND THE
7 LEADERSHIP FROM THE DEPARTMENTS REPRESENTED BY MARY MARKS AND
8 LIBBY BOYCE WE CAME TOGETHER. WE WORKED AS A TEAM. WE BROUGHT
9 IN L.A.S.A., WE BROUGHT IN OTHER MEMBERS OF THE CITY IN
10 UNPRECEDENTED WAYS. IT TOOK TOP-LEVEL MANAGEMENT TO BE ABLE TO
11 CUT THROUGH THE BUREAUCRATIC RED TAPE AND MAKE IT HAPPEN. AND
12 WE WERE ABLE TO CHANGE SYSTEMS, NOT JUST FOR THESE 50
13 INDIVIDUALS, BUT WE WERE ABLE TO CHANGE THEM FOR EVERYONE. ONE
14 EXAMPLE IS THAT WE ACTUALLY WERE -- WE NOW CAN ESTABLISH
15 ELIGIBILITY THROUGH H.A.C.L.A. USING ELECTRONIC TRANSFER OF
16 INFORMATION. IT SEEMS LIKE SOMETHING THAT WOULD HAVE HAPPENED
17 IN AN OBVIOUS WAY, BUT BELIEVE IT OR NOT, UNTIL WE ACTUALLY
18 HAD THIS PROJECT AND INTRODUCED IT AS AN ISSUE, WE WERE ABLE
19 TO IMPLEMENT IT AND NOT JUST FOR THESE 50 BUT FOR EVERYONE. WE
20 ALSO CHANGED POLICY AT THE STATE LEVEL. THERE WAS AN ARCHAIC
21 LAW THAT AN APPLICATION FOR HOUSING COULDN'T BE APPROVED
22 UNLESS IT WAS ACTUALLY POSTDATED BY PUBLIC MAIL. AND A SIMPLE
23 CALL TO THE STATE AND ASKING THEM "WHY CAN'T WE JUST SIMPLY
24 FAX IT OR EMAIL IT?" INSTEAD OF SOMETHING TAKING TWO WEEKS, IT
25 COULD TAKE TWO HOURS. AND IT TURNED OUT THAT THEY AGREED AND



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1 THEY CHANGED THAT POLICY. AGAIN, NOT JUST FOR THESE 50 BUT FOR
2 EVERYONE ELSE. AT THE END OF THE DAY, THIS IS A PROJECT IS
3 SOMETHING THAT THE COUNTY SHOULD BE VERY PROUD OF. IT'S
4 ALLOWED US TO -- SOME PEOPLE MAY ARGUE, WELL THIS, YOU KNOW,
5 WHAT THIS PROJECT DOES IS NOT NECESSARILY DIFFERENT FROM WHAT
6 OTHER PRIVATE PROVIDERS DO IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THE TRUTH IS
7 WHAT IS REVOLUTIONARY ABOUT THIS PROJECT IS THAT THE COUNTY OF
8 LOS ANGELES DID IT. IT IS UNPRECEDENTED FOR US TO WORK IN THIS
9 KIND OF TEAM, TO PUT OUR BARRIERS ASIDE. AND TRUST ME IT WAS
10 NOT EASY AT FIRST. PEOPLE WERE RESENTFUL THAT THEY HAD TO
11 REPORT TO SOMEONE FROM A DIFFERENT DEPARTMENT. THEY DIDN'T
12 UNDERSTAND WHY WE WERE USING CERTAIN METHODOLOGIES. WE HAD TO
13 ESTABLISH M.O.U.S TO MAKE IT CLEAR WHAT EVERYBODY'S ROLES AND
14 RESPONSIBILITIES WERE. WE HAD TO CREATE A COMPUTER SYSTEM FOR
15 TRACKING OF INFORMATION. ALL OF THOSE THINGS HAD TO TAKE PLACE
16 FOR THESE 50 INDIVIDUALS. SO THE LESSONS LEARNED FROM THIS
17 PROJECT GO WELL BEYOND THESE 50 FOLKS. I'M VERY HAPPY TO KNOW
18 THAT THERE ARE 50 INDIVIDUALS TODAY WHO ARE LIVING A BETTER
19 LIFE THAN THEY DID A YEAR AND A HALF AGO. BUT THE TRUTH OF THE
20 MATTER IS, IS THAT THERE'S MORE LESSONS TO BE LEARNED FROM
21 THIS PROJECT. AND SO THAT IS WHY WE'RE RECOMMENDING EXPANDING
22 IT BEYOND THIS 50 TO 500 AND EVENTUALLY MORE THAN THAT.

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24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET ME ASK A QUESTION ONCE AGAIN. HOW MANY
25 PERSONNEL FROM THE COUNTY DEPARTMENTS ARE INVOLVED IN THIS?



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2 **SPEAKER:** THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH HAS FIVE INDIVIDUALS
3 INVOLVED. AND IN ADDITION TO MYSELF AND LIBBY BOYCE, WHO
4 DONATE PART OF OUR TIME, AND PUBLIC?

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6 **SPEAKER:** THERE'S SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROVIDERS. BUT THAT'S A
7 CONTRACT.

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9 **SPEAKER:** YEAH. IT'S A CONTRACTED SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROVIDER. I
10 THINK THAT'S ALL.

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12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO WHAT'S THE TOTAL NUMBER FROM THE COUNTY?
13 FIVE TOTAL ALL THE DEPARTMENTS THAT ARE INVOLVED IN THIS ARE
14 FIVE?

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16 **SPEAKER:** DOES THAT INCLUDE ME AND VICKI'S TIME?

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18 **SPEAKER:** NO, IT DOESN'T INCLUDE ME AND LIBBY.

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20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHAT'S THE TOTAL NUMBER OF ALL THE
21 DEPARTMENTS THAT ARE INVOLVED?

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23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL THE DEPARTMENTS.

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1 **MIGUEL SANTANA:** THERE ARE SEVEN DEPARTMENTS INVOLVED. AND
2 EVERYONE FROM MY TIME TO --

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NO, NO. I KNOW. JUST GIVE ME A NUMBER.

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6 **MIGUEL SANTANA:** SEVEN.

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8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SEVEN FOR ALL OF THE DEPARTMENTS.

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10 **MIGUEL SANTANA:** YES.

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12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO THE QUESTION IS, WOULD THAT SAME NUMBER OF
13 STAFF BE ABLE TO ABSORB THE WORK NECESSARY FOR THE ADDITIONAL
14 450?

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16 **MIGUEL SANTANA:** ONE OF THE CORE RECOMMENDATIONS THAT WE'RE
17 MAKING IS THAT THIS PROJECT BE HOUSED INSIDE OF MENTAL HEALTH.
18 AND THE REASON BEING IS BECAUSE THE PERSON IN CHARGE OF
19 HOMELESSNESS IN THE COUNTY IS ME. I HAVE A STAFF OF THREE
20 PEOPLE. AND OBVIOUSLY, WHEN YOU THINK ABOUT ALL THE
21 RESPONSIBILITIES I HAVE AS DEPUTY C.E.O., IT DOESN'T MAKE
22 SENSE THAT I WOULD BE RUNNING A PROGRAM LIKE THIS. BUT IF
23 WE'RE GOING TO INSTITUTIONALIZE THIS PROGRAM, NO DIFFERENT
24 THAN WE'RE GOING TO INSTITUTIONALIZE EVERY OTHER PROGRAM,
25 WHETHER IT'S FOR FAMILIES, WHETHER IT'S TO DO PREVENTION, WE



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1 MUST FIND A HOME FOR THOSE PROGRAMMATIC ELEMENTS. MENTAL
2 HEALTH IS THE BEST CAPABLE TO DO THAT. WE DON'T KNOW WHAT IT
3 WOULD TAKE. THEY WOULD HAVE TO COME BACK AND REPORT IN TERMS
4 OF WHAT WOULD BE NECESSARY. AND AS THIS PROJECT ROLLS OUT,
5 WHAT WE'RE ANTICIPATING IS THAT EVERY SINGLE PROJECT WOULD
6 COME ON ITS OWN FOR YOUR APPROVAL. WHAT HAPPENS IN PASADENA OR
7 IN SANTA MONICA OR IN LONG BEACH IS VERY DIFFERENT. ONE OF THE
8 OTHER LESSONS THAT WE LEARNED IS THAT IT HAS TO BE ORGANIC. IF
9 WE COULD DO IT ALL OVER AGAIN, I THINK WE WOULD HAVE DONE A
10 MUCH BETTER JOB IN REACHING OUT TO THE COMMUNITY IN CENTRAL
11 L.A. WHO RAISED OBJECTIONS AT FIRST BY NOT UNDERSTANDING WHAT
12 IT WAS THAT WE WERE DOING.

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14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WILL IT DIVERT THE DEPARTMENTS FROM THEIR
15 CORE RESPONSIBILITIES BY ADDING THE 450? AND IF SO, HOW DO WE
16 FUND THOSE?

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18 **MIGUEL SANTANA:** WELL, SUPERVISOR, I WOULD ARGUE THAT THIS
19 THEIR CORE RESPONSIBILITY.

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21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO IT'S NOT GOING TO IMPACT ANY OF THE CORE
22 RESPONSIBILITIES OF YOUR CURRENT -- IT WILL NOT IMPACT YOUR
23 WORKLOAD.

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1 **MIGUEL SANTANA:** NO. BUT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH,
2 THESE ARE INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE ENTITLED TO RECEIVE THESE
3 BENEFITS, WHETHER THEY'RE IN PROJECT 50 OR PROJECT 500 OR IN
4 SOME OTHER WAY. SO IT'S NOT THAT WE'RE ADDING A RESPONSIBILITY
5 TO A DEPARTMENT. WE'RE SIMPLY BEING MORE EFFECTIVE IN HOW WE
6 REACH OUT TO THAT POPULATION THAT'S ENTITLED TO THOSE
7 SERVICES.

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9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ZEV.

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11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN, THANK YOU. FIRST OF ALL, LET
12 ME THANK MR. SANTANA FOR AN EXCELLENT REPORT. AND I THINK
13 YOU'VE SUMMARIZED REALLY FROM A TO Z THE VALUE OF THIS
14 PROGRAM. AND MY OFFICE AND I, I'M SURE EVERYONE APPRECIATES
15 THE AMOUNT OF TIME YOU HAVE SPENT ON THIS. THIS WASN'T WHAT
16 YOU SIGNED ON FOR WHEN YOU FIRST BECAME THE THE DEPUTY C.E.O.
17 WE KIND OF THREW IT AT YOU. AND THE PROJECT SPEAKS FOR ITSELF.
18 I THINK THE LAST STATEMENT YOU MADE IS REALLY THE NUB OF THE
19 WHOLE ISSUE. THIS IS OUR CORE RESPONSIBILITY. HOW WE HANDLE
20 IT, WHETHER WE HANDLE IT IN MENTAL HEALTH IN THE JAIL OR
21 WHETHER WE HANDLE IT IN MENTAL HEALTH WHEN THE COPS PICK THEM
22 UP AND TAKE THEM DOWN TO ONE OF OUR MENTAL HEALTH CLINICS, OR
23 WHETHER WE TRY TO DO IT IN A CONSIDERED WAY TO TRY TO POSITION
24 THESE HUMAN BEINGS TO TRY TO RECLAIM THEIR LIVES AND GET BACK
25 ON THEIR FEET SO THAT THEY AREN'T A CHARGE ON SOCIETY AND ON



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1 THEMSELVES IS THE ISSUE. AND THAT'S REALLY WHAT THIS IS ALL
2 ABOUT. I THINK YOU SAID IT VERY WELL. I'M NOT GOING TO REPEAT
3 EVERYTHING THAT MIGUEL HAS SAID. I'M REALLY PROUD OF WHAT THE
4 COUNTY HAS DONE GENERALLY ON HOMELESSNESS THE LAST COUPLE OF
5 YEARS, I'M PARTICULARLY PROUD OF THIS PROJECT, NOT BECAUSE
6 IT'S ANY BETTER OR ANY LESS GOOD THAN THE OTHER PROJECTS, BUT
7 WE TOOK ON THE TOUGHEST CLIENTELE THAT WE POSSIBLY COULD FIND.
8 WE DIDN'T ASK FOR THE LOW HANGING FRUIT. WE WENT FOR THE
9 TOUGHEST CATS ON THE STREET. AND WE FIGURED IF WE COULD HELP
10 THEM, WE COULD HELP ANYBODY. AND THE REASON WE PROPOSED TO
11 EXPAND THE PROJECT FROM 50 TO 500 AND NOT WAIT UNTIL THE END
12 OF THE YEAR, BECAUSE WE THOUGHT ABOUT THAT. WHY NOT WAIT UNTIL
13 THE PROJECT 50 IS DONE IN JANUARY OF NEXT YEAR? IS WE KNOW
14 ENOUGH TO KNOW THAT THIS IS WORKING. WE KNOW ENOUGH TO KNOW
15 THAT IT'S SAVING THE COUNTY MONEY. YES, IT'S SAVING THE COUNTY
16 MONEY IN OTHER SILOS. BUT IT'S SAVING THE COUNTY MONEY. BUT
17 MOST IMPORTANTLY, WE'RE DOING RIGHT BY THESE HOMELESS PERSONS.
18 AND SO FAR SO GOOD. WE HAVE SUSTAINED, 88 PERCENT I THINK IS
19 THE FIGURE, OF THE HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE STILL BEING
20 HOUSED IN THE PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING PROGRAM THAT HAS
21 BEEN DEVELOPED HERE. AND WE DIDN'T WANT TO WAIT UNTIL JANUARY.
22 FRANKLY, I JUST WANT TO POINT OUT THAT WE'RE ALMOST AT 300. WE
23 CAN SEE 300 RIGHT NOW. ALL WITH MONEY THAT IS APPORTIONED TO
24 MY SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT FOR HOMELESS PURPOSES AND WE'RE
25 DOING IT. WE'RE GOING TO PILOT THIS ON A LARGER SCALE. BUT WE



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1 DIDN'T GO OUT THERE. THE GREAT THING ABOUT THIS IS IT'S
2 EXCITED NOT ONLY OUR OWN STAFF IN OUR OWN DEPARTMENTS BUT IT'S
3 EXCITED PEOPLE OUT IN THE COMMUNITY. WEST HOLLYWOOD CAME TO ME
4 AND SAID "HOW DO WE GET INVOLVED IN THIS THING?" SANTA MONICA
5 CAME TO ME AND SAID "WE'RE READY TO DO 130." WHO ELSE? CITY OF
6 L.A., WE'RE GOING TO PARTNER WITH THE CITY OF L.A. IN VENICE
7 AND IN HOLLYWOOD AND IN THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY. SMALL
8 PROJECTS BUT MEANINGFUL PROJECTS. THEY CAME TO US. CALGARY,
9 ALBERTA, CANADA CALLED THE COUNTY AND SAID "WE WANT TO KNOW
10 MORE ABOUT THIS PROJECT 50 THING BECAUSE WE WANT TO TRY IT UP
11 IN ALBERTA." MY RESPONSE WAS THE WEATHER SHOULD COVER YOU FOR
12 ABOUT NINE MONTHS OUT OF THE YEAR. THE OTHER THREE MONTHS
13 WE'LL HELP YOU. THIS IS EXCITING. AND SO WE'RE READY TO GROW
14 THIS. THE PROGRAM IS GROWING WITH OR WITHOUT A COUNTY
15 IMPRIMATUR, AND IT'S A GOOD THING. THE LAST THING I WANT TO
16 SAY ON THIS IS TWO THINGS. ONE, I THINK YOUR COMMENT THAT
17 EVERY COMMUNITY IS DIFFERENT, THERE IS NO ONE TOOL IN THE
18 TOOLKIT. THIS IS ONE OF MANY TOOLS IN THE TOOLKIT. AND THIS
19 ISN'T A SUPERIOR TOOL OR AN INFERIOR TOOL IT'S ONE OF MANY.
20 AND SOMETIMES YOU NEED TO DO TEMPORARY SHELTER. SOMETIMES, AS
21 SUPERVISOR MOLINA DID A YEAR OR TWO AGO, YOU GOT TO GET THESE
22 KIDS OFF THE STREET AND INTO SOME SHELTER. AND YOU CAN'T WAIT
23 FOR A YEAR TO GET THIS PROGRAM GROWING. AND SOMETIMES YOU CAN
24 TARGET A GROUP OF PEOPLE LIKE THIS AND INVEST IN THE LONG
25 HAUL, BECAUSE YOU CAN. THERE'S NOTHING TO LOSE. AND SO IN MANY



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1 OTHER PROGRAMS THAT WE'VE GOT, MIKE IN THE VALLEY, IN THE
2 NORTHEAST VALLEY AND DON IN LONG BEACH. WE'VE ALL DONE IT.
3 IT'S GOOD FOR OUR PARTNERS. AND MOST OF OUR PARTNERS ARE OTHER
4 CITIES AND NONPROFITS TO KNOW THAT WE ARE BEHIND THIS AND THAT
5 THERE'S THE IMPRIMATUR OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES BEHIND
6 THIS PROGRAM. THIS HAS NOT COST US PRACTICALLY ANYTHING. EVEN
7 IF YOU DON'T COUNT THE SAVINGS ON THE OTHER SIDE. IT HAS
8 PRACTICALLY NOT COST US ANYTHING. THIS IS A DROP IN THE
9 BUCKET. WHAT I DO WANT TO SAY, AND THIS IS THE LAST THING, IS
10 PEOPLE HAVE ASKED A QUESTION HOW ARE YOU GOING TO SUSTAIN THIS
11 AFTER THE PILOT IS OVER? AND THAT'S A VERY LEGITIMATE
12 QUESTION. AND I THINK IT'S A QUESTION, THIS ONE THAT YOU'RE
13 GOING TO HAVE TO ADDRESS AT THE C.E.O. LEVEL, IS THAT THAT
14 QUESTION IS APPROPRIATE FOR THIS PROJECT, AS IT IS FOR EVERY
15 OTHER PROJECT WE'VE DONE ON HOMELESSNESS. WHETHER WE CALLED IT
16 A PILOT OR WE DIDN'T CALL IT A PILOT, WE STARTED SOMETHING OUT
17 OF A NEED. SOMETIMES WE WERE RESPONSIVE OR REACTIVE TO A
18 SITUATION, SOMETIMES WE PLANNED AHEAD, WHATEVER. BUT HOW WE
19 SUSTAINED IT OVER TIME IS A BIG QUESTION. AND I WOULD LIKE TO
20 JUST ASK YOU AND YOUR BOSS, MR. FUJIOKA, I KNOW THIS IS A
21 COUNTERINTUITIVE TIME TO BE TALKING ABOUT THIS SORT OF THING.
22 BUT WE DID SET ASIDE \$100 MILLION A COUPLE OF YEARS AGO, AND
23 20 MILLION THE PREVIOUS YEAR, 2025. AND I DON'T KNOW HOW WE'RE
24 SUSTAINING ANY OF THIS STUFF THAT WE DID WITH THAT 100. SOME
25 OF IT WAS ONE-TIME MONEY, SOME OF IT WAS ONGOING, AND SOME OF



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1 IT WAS INTENDED TO BE ONE-TIME BUT IT ENDED UP BEING ONGOING,
2 WHICH IS FINE, BECAUSE IF IT'S WORKING, YOU KEEP IT GOING,
3 IT'S MY PHILOSOPHY, IF YOU CAN. BUT I DO THINK WE DO NEED TO
4 LOOK AT HOW DO WE REINFUSE THE COUNTY WITH THAT AMOUNT, IF NOT
5 MORE, TO KEEP THIS MOMENTUM ON ADDRESSING HOMELESSNESS GOING.
6 THERE'S A LOT GOING ON IN THIS TOWN RIGHT NOW, IN THE PRIVATE
7 SECTOR, IN THE RELIGIOUS SECTOR. IMAGINE L.A., WHICH IS A
8 PROGRAM THAT STARTED OUT OF BEL AIR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. THE
9 PHILOSOPHY IS, THERE ARE 8,000 CHURCHES AND SYNAGOGUES AND
10 MOSQUES IN THIS COUNTY. IF EVERY ONE OF THEM WOULD JUST TAKE
11 ONE FAMILY UNDER THEIR BELT, THAT WOULD BE 8,000 FAMILIES.
12 THEY'RE UP TO FIVE. AND AFTER A YEAR, THEY'RE GOING TO GET TO
13 15. IT'S JUST LIKE PROJECT 50. YOU START SMALL AND YOU SET THE
14 TEMPLATE AND YOU MAKE IT HAPPEN. SO I WOULD HOPE THAT YOU GUYS
15 WILL TAKE A LOOK AT THIS OVERARCHING ISSUE, WHICH IS HOW DO WE
16 CONTINUE TO FUND ALL OF OUR HOMELESSNESS PROGRAMS, THE
17 CHILDREN'S INITIATIVE IN SKID ROW, THIS PROJECT, SOME OF THE
18 OTHER PROGRAMS? WE NEED TO SPEND A LITTLE MORE TIME WITH OUR
19 FEDERAL PARTNERS AT THE VETERANS ADMINISTRATION, WHICH I DID
20 WHEN WE WERE IN WASHINGTON ON V.A. HOUSING VOUCHERS, BECAUSE
21 THE VETS ARE STILL A SIGNIFICANT PERCENTAGE OF OUR POPULATION
22 THAT WE'RE TARGETING HERE. BUT I'M NOT CONCERNED ABOUT IT. I
23 THINK WE'LL FIND IT, IF THERE'S A WILL, AND SO THAT'S ALL.
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1 **MIGUEL SANTANA:** I'LL ANSWER THAT QUESTION IN TWO WAYS, IF
2 LIBBY COULD HELP ME ON ONE OF THE WAYS, IS THAT ONE OF THE
3 TASKS THAT WE'VE BEEN ENGAGED IN IS TO ANSWER THE QUESTION,
4 WELL HOW MUCH DOES THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SPEND ON
5 HOMELESSNESS? IT'S NOT \$100 MILLION. \$100 MILLION WAS ON TOP
6 OF WHAT WE SPENT ON EVERY OTHER PROGRAM THAT WE HAVE. IT'S
7 MORE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD OF \$650 MILLION THAT WE SPEND ON AN
8 ONGOING BASIS IN PROGRAMS THAT ARE SCATTERED IN VIRTUALLY
9 EVERY DEPARTMENT. NOW, ARE THOSE PROGRAMS EFFECTIVE? ARE THEY
10 OUTCOME DRIVEN? ARE THEY ACTUALLY GETTING US TO A PLACE WHERE
11 WE'RE SEEING THE SAME KIND OF RESULTS AS WE'VE SEEN IN THESE
12 INNOVATIVE EFFORTS? I CAN'T ANSWER THAT QUESTION. AND SO ONE
13 WAY OF ANSWERING YOUR QUESTION IS BY LOOKING AT THOSE EXISTING
14 PROGRAMS THAT WE HAVE SCATTERED THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY USING
15 THAT OVER \$600 MILLION AND SAYING HOW CAN WE BETTER USE THOSE
16 DOLLARS KNOWING WHAT WE KNOW NOW BASED ON WHAT THE INTENT WAS
17 WITH THE HOMELESS PREVENTION INITIATIVE, WAS TO COME UP WITH
18 BETTER WAYS OF ADDRESSING THIS PROBLEM. THE SECOND WAY IS A
19 PROJECT LIKE PROJECT 50 WILL END UP PAYING FOR ITSELF. AND
20 LIBBY, MAYBE YOU COULD ADDRESS THAT POINT.

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22 **LIBBY BOYCE:** SURE. HI. LIBBY BOYCE, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
23 SERVICES. ON THE HEALTH SIDE, WE BELIEVE THAT AFTER THE TWO
24 YEAR PERIOD OF THE CURRENT CONTRACT, THE HEALTH COMPONENT WILL
25 BE SUSTAINABLE BECAUSE IT'S BEING PROVIDED BY A FEDERALLY



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1 QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTER. AND AS PEOPLE BECOME QUALIFIED FOR
2 MEDI-CAL, THOSE PEOPLE, SERVICES ARE BILLABLE. AND SO WE
3 ANTICIPATE THAT WE WILL HAVE ABOUT 80% RECEIVING MEDI-CAL, AT
4 WHICH POINT, THE WHOLE HEALTH COMPONENT IS SUSTAINABLE. I
5 WOULD HAVE MARY SPEAK TO THE MENTAL HEALTH PIECE.

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7 **MARY MARKS:** AS PART OF THIS PROJECT, ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE
8 DID WAS TO, IN ORDER TO MAXIMIZE REVENUE, WE UTILIZED A
9 FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTER FOR THE MEDICAL SITE AS WELL
10 AS A MEDI-CAL CERTIFIED OUT-PATIENT MENTAL HEALTH CLINIC FOR
11 THE MENTAL HEALTH SITE SO THAT WE COULD COLLECT DRAWDOWN
12 MAXIMUM REVENUE. AND SO ON THE MENTAL HEALTH SIDE, AS PEOPLE
13 GET BENEFITS, WE'RE ABLE TO DRAW DOWN FEDERAL DOLLARS TO PAY
14 FOR APPROXIMATELY 60% OF THE COSTS. IF SOMEONE, WHILE WE'RE
15 WAITING FOR SOMEONE TO GET BENEFITS, WE DO HAVE TO PROVIDE
16 SOME SORT OF FUNDING DURING THAT TIME. SO THE IDEA OF THE
17 PROJECT ON THE MENTAL HEALTH SIDE IS TO DRAW DOWN AS MUCH
18 FEDERAL REVENUE AS WE CAN TO SUSTAIN THE PROJECT.

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20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YOU CAN'T JUST LOOK AT THIS PROJECT IN A
21 VACUUM. I MEAN, YOU KNOW, ALL OF A SUDDEN THIS IS THE FIRST
22 TIME WE'RE HEARING \$650 MILLION. I MEAN, WE REALLY NEED TO
23 LOOK AT THE PROGRAMMATIC AS WELL AS THE FINANCIAL
24 PERSPECTIVES. BECAUSE SOME OF THESE FOLKS, YOU KNOW, WHILE
25 YOU'RE SAYING YOU KNOW THAT IT'S GOING TO PAY FOR ITSELF, I



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1 HAVE YET TO HEAR DOLLARS. WE CAN'T DETERMINE WHAT THE NET
2 COUNTY COST IS GOING TO BE ON AN ONGOING BASIS. IF YOU LOOK ON
3 PARTICULARLY SOME OF THE CHRONIC ISSUES, I MEAN, BASICALLY
4 YOUR PART OF THIS PROJECT IS TO ESSENTIALLY PROVIDE THEM
5 PERMANENT HOUSING FOR THE REST OF THEIR LIVES. IS THAT
6 CORRECT? I MEAN, YOU KNOW, BECAUSE WE'VE GOT OTHER PROGRAMS
7 WHERE WE'VE GOT FAMILIES, WE HAVE A LIMITED NUMBER OF SECTION
8 8, ALL THESE OTHER VOUCHER KINDS OF PROGRAMS WHERE THESE
9 FAMILIES ARE GETTING THEIR ACTS TOGETHER AND WE'RE TRYING TO -
10 - YOU KNOW, SO WE'RE GOING TO BECOME A FINE LINE, DEPENDING
11 HOW WE PROGRESS HERE, OF ESTABLISHING PRIORITIES FOR THOSE
12 FAMILIES AND INDIVIDUALS TRYING TO GET THEIR LIVES BACK
13 TOGETHER AND THEN STILL DEALING WITH THE CHRONIC HOMELESS
14 POPULATION. AND WHILE I REALLY APPRECIATE YOU ALL SAYING THAT
15 IT'S GOING TO PAY FOR ITSELF, THEN WHY CAN'T WE ESTABLISH WHAT
16 THE NET COUNTY COST IS GOING TO BE TO US?

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18 **MIGUEL SANTANA:** BECAUSE EACH PROGRAM IS DIFFERENT. EACH
19 PROGRAM IS ORGANIC THAT'S GOING TO COME WITH ITS OWN
20 INDIVIDUAL PLAYERS, ITS OWN INDIVIDUAL FUNDING STREAMS.
21 CERTAINLY OUR GOAL IS TO MINIMIZE THE NET COUNTY COST PORTION
22 OF THIS PROJECT, BUT THAT'S OUR MANDATE FOR ALL PROJECTS.

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24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I UNDERSTAND THAT, BUT, I MEAN, ON THE
25 OTHER HAND, IT'S TO MINIMIZE IT, AS IT ALWAYS IS, BUT THEN YOU



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1 CAN'T SAY IT'S GOING TO PAY FOR ITSELF IF YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT
2 THE NET COUNTY COST IS.

3

4 **MIGUEL SANTANA:** WELL, AND THAT'S WHY WE WILL COME BACK TO YOU.
5 FOR EVERY SINGLE EXPANSION PROJECT THAT FALLS UNDER THIS
6 PROJECT 500 WILL BE PRESENTED TO YOU. AND IT'S OUR
7 RESPONSIBILITY TO DEMONSTRATE EXACTLY HOW EVERY SINGLE
8 DOLLAR'S GOING TO BE SPENT.

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10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** DO WE KNOW HOW THIS IS GOING TO BE PAID
11 FOR?

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ON THE ONES THAT HAVE ALREADY BEEN
14 IDENTIFIED, DON, THEY'RE BEING PAID FOR OUT OF -- IN MY
15 DISTRICT, THEY'RE BEING PAID FOR BY MY HOMELESS FUNDS. THE
16 REST OF THEM WOULD BE SUBJECT, AND EVEN THOSE WILL HAVE TO
17 COME TO THE BOARD FOR APPROVAL, AND ONE OF THEM ALREADY HAS.
18 THE BALANCE OF THEM WILL COME TO THE BOARD. EACH ONE OF THEM
19 WILL COME AS A SEPARATE PROJECT FOR APPROVAL UNDER THIS
20 RUBRIC.

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22 **MIGUEL SANTANA:** I WANT TO SPEAK TO YOUR POINT ABOUT HOW DO WE
23 PRIORITIZE. CERTAINLY, THE HOMELESS SPECTRUM RANGES FROM
24 SOMEONE WHO IS ABOUT TO BE FORECLOSED FROM THEIR HOME TO
25 SOMEONE WHO HAS BEEN HOMELESS ON SKID ROW FOR 40 YEARS. AND SO



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1 ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE'RE TRYING TO DO IS TRYING TO FIND A
2 WAY TO ESTABLISH A CONTINUUM FOR ALL OF THOSE INDIVIDUALS.
3 I'LL GIVE YOU AN EXAMPLE. WE RECEIVED \$12.1 MILLION OF
4 HOMELESS STIMULUS DOLLARS THROUGH THE LEGISLATION THAT WAS
5 SIGNED BY PRESIDENT OBAMA. WE SPECIFICALLY CHOSE TO IDENTIFY
6 THOSE DOLLARS, EARMARK THEM FOR HOMELESS PREVENTION, THE
7 OPPOSITE POPULATION OF PROJECT 50. THOSE INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE
8 JUST DAYS AWAY FROM BEING HOMELESS, BECAUSE WHAT WE KNOW THE
9 CHEAPEST WAY IS TO KEEP THAT PERSON IN THEIR HOME. SO AS A
10 COUNTY, OUR MISSION IS TO SERVICE EVERYONE. WE HAVE TO FIGURE
11 OUT A WAY TO MEET ALL OF THOSE NEEDS AND THE STRATEGY IS NOT
12 THE SAME FOR EVERYBODY. AND SO THIS IS WHAT WE'RE SAYING HERE
13 IS THAT FOR THE MOST CHRONIC, THE MOST VULNERABLE, AND VERY
14 FRANKLY, THE MOST EXPENSIVE TO US, THAT WE'VE FOUND ONE OF THE
15 SOLUTIONS TO ADDRESS IT.

16

17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YOU HAVE THE ACCESS TO HOUSING AND
18 HEALTH PROGRAM. OBVIOUSLY THAT'S HAD A DRAMATIC IMPACT ON E.R.
19 VISITS. BUT, YOU KNOW, WE'VE BEEN FUNDING THAT ON A YEAR-TO-
20 YEAR BASIS. I MEAN, HOW DO WE -- YOU KNOW, I MEAN, WHILE WE'RE
21 TALKING ABOUT THE EXPANSION TO 500, WHICH IS ALL WELL AND GOOD
22 AND A GREAT PROJECT, WE'VE GOT A LOT OF OTHER THINGS GOING ON.
23 AND WE CAN'T JUST, YOU KNOW, KEEP SAYING EVERYTHING'S GOING TO
24 PAY FOR ITSELF, PARTICULARLY IN THIS CLIMATE. AND, YOU KNOW,
25 JUST SEEING SOME HEADLINE COMING THROUGH THAT THE GOVERNOR IS



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1 RECOMMENDING ELIMINATING THE CALWORKS PROGRAM. CUTTING IT OUT
2 OF THE BUDGET. I MEAN, THERE'S A LOT OF THINGS OUT THERE
3 THAT'S GOING TO IMPACT WHAT WE'RE ATTEMPTING TO DO HERE. AND
4 WE JUST NEED TO GET OUR ARMS AROUND THIS THING, AT LEAST DEAL
5 WITH SOME VERY SPECIFIC NUMBERS, NOT THAT IT WILL JUST PAY FOR
6 ITSELF. SUPERVISOR MOLINA, DID YOU?

7

8 **SUP. MOLINA:** BECAUSE THERE'S SOME WORDS THAT ARE BEING BANDIED
9 ABOUT THAT CONCERN ME. NUMBER ONE IS I THINK THERE ARE A LOT
10 OF VERY POSITIVE ASPECTS, AND COST AVOIDANCE IS CERTAINLY A
11 VERY POSITIVE THING. BUT I'M TRYING TO UNDERSTAND HOW WE
12 STEPPED INTO THIS. AND BELIEVE ME, I WAS A PART OF IT ALL
13 BECAUSE OF THE PROPOSAL THAT NEW YORK FOLKS HAD MADE ABOUT
14 WHAT THE OUTCOME WOULD LOOK LIKE. AND I DON'T KNOW THAT WHAT
15 WAS PROMISED OR WHAT WAS SAID THEN LOOKS ANYTHING LIKE WHAT
16 WE'RE GOING TODAY. ONE OF THE WORDS THAT WAS MENTIONED THAT
17 WAS SAID BY BOTH MIGUEL AND ZEV YAROSLAVSKY THAT CONCERN ME IS
18 CORE RESPONSIBILITY. NOW, WE HAVE TO BE CAUTIOUS HERE BECAUSE
19 CORE RESPONSIBILITY CAN ALSO BE BROKEN UP AS A MORAL
20 RESPONSIBILITY WHEN YOU PUT HOMELESS ON THE TABLE, YOU HAVE A
21 RESPONSIBILITY JUST BY BEING AN EXISTING AND CERTAINLY BEING
22 AN ELECTED OFFICIAL IN L.A. COUNTY. BUT WHEN YOU PUT CORE
23 RESPONSIBILITY, I HAVE A CONCERN, BECAUSE IT IS DIFFERENT THAN
24 CHILDREN. THE CHILDREN ARE OUR WARDS BY VIRTUE OF OUR
25 RESPONSIBILITY UNDER CHILDREN'S SERVICES. THEY DEFINITELY COME



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1 UNDER OUR RESPONSIBILITY. NOW, THE ISSUE OF MENTALLY ILL HAS
2 NOT YET BEEN DEFINED, AND MR. SOUTHWARD, CORRECT ME IF I AM
3 WRONG, AS OUR COUNTY RESPONSIBILITY. NOW, WE PROVIDE SERVICES
4 WHO COME TO OUR FRONT DOOR. AND WE GET FINANCED TO A CERTAIN
5 LEVEL FROM OUR STATE WITH REGARD TO TRYING TO DELIVER THOSE
6 SERVICES. BUT IT IS, "FOR THE MENTALLY ILL," NOT FOR
7 EXCLUSIVELY THE HOMELESS. THEY HAVE NOT BEEN DEFINED AS OUR
8 CORE RESPONSIBILITY. I WOULD CAUTION THAT DISCUSSION. BECAUSE
9 ONE OF THE BIGGEST THINGS THAT I SAW FROM DAY ONE WAS WERE WE
10 GOING TO BECOME THE STATE'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR HOUSING THE
11 MENTALLY ILL, WHICH IS A PROBLEM FOR THE STATE, NOT JUST FOR
12 US. THE STATE RIGHT NOW CANNOT FIGURE OUT WHAT TO DO WITH
13 HOUSING THE MENTALLY ILL. FOR THE LAST 25 TO 35 YEARS, IT HAS
14 BEEN SO CAUTIOUS IN ITS APPROACH TO DEALING WITH THE MENTALLY
15 ILL THAT IT DOESN'T WANT TO GO BACK TO THE, WHAT, 1960, '70
16 ERA OF INSTITUTIONALIZING MANY OF THESE PEOPLE WHO, WITH
17 MEDICATION AND WITH SOME MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, CERTAINLY
18 WOULD HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO FUNCTION AND OPERATE VERY MUCH
19 IN OUR COMMUNITIES AND OUR SOCIETIES TODAY. SO I WANT PEOPLE
20 TO BE CAREFUL WITH THAT. BECAUSE ONCE WE START LOOKING AT A
21 CORE RESPONSIBILITY, I THINK WE'RE TALKING ABOUT SOME
22 RESPONSIBILITY THAT IS NOT YET OURS. NOW GRANTED, IS IT
23 MORALLY UNFAIR TO BAT AROUND THE MENTALLY ILL HOMELESS PERSON?
24 WELL, WHEN YOU'RE MENTALLY ILL, THERE ARE A LOT OF OTHER
25 ISSUES THAT GO ON. ONE OF THEM IS HOMELESSNESS EVENTUALLY CAN



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1 BE PART OF IT, DEPENDING ON THE SEVERITY OF YOUR MENTAL HEALTH
2 PROBLEM. SO I JUST WANT US TO BE CAUTIOUS AS TO HOW WE EMBRACE
3 IT. AND THEN THE OTHER ISSUE WITH REGARD TO COST AVOIDANCE,
4 THAT IS A VERY VALUABLE WORD THAT CAN BE USED, AND IT'S A GOOD
5 WAY TO DEAL WITH SOME OF THE ISSUES OF THE HIGH COST. BUT KEEP
6 IN MIND THAT YOU CAN DO COST AVOIDANCE WITHOUT HAVING TO DO
7 THIS PROJECT. IF YOU TOOK THE NAMES OF EVERYONE WHO HAS BEEN
8 IN OUR E.R. AND CROSS-REFERENCED IT AND FOUND THEM. OKAY,
9 YOU'VE BEEN IN OUR E.R., ACCORDING TO YOUR OWN STATISTICS
10 HERE, BY THE NUMBERS THAT ARE THERE, IF SOMEBODY IS -- -- IF
11 YOU HAD TWO VISITS PER YEAR, BECAUSE YOU HAD HOW MANY VISITS
12 IN THIS THING, 43?

13

14 **MIGUEL SANTANA:** NO. FOR THIS YEAR, YES.

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16 **SUP. MOLINA:** FOR THIS YEAR, YOU HAD 133 EMERGENCY ROOM.

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18 **MIGUEL SANTANA:** FOR THIS YEAR, WE'VE HAD LESS THAN 50 DAYS
19 COLLECTIVELY IN THE EMERGENCY ROOM. LAST YEAR, WE HAD
20 APPROXIMATELY 125 DAYS.

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT. BUT WHAT I'M SAYING IS THERE'S A WHOLE
23 LOT OF OTHER PEOPLE WHO WERE IN THERE AT LEAST TWICE, WHICH IS
24 THE TOLERANCE LEVEL UNDER THESE NUMBERS, IT SEEMS LIKE. SO I'M
25 JUST SAYING IF YOU CROSS-REFERENCED IT, ANYBODY WHO HAS BEEN



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1 IN THERE TWICE, YOU WOULD HAVE COST AVOIDANCE BY PROVIDING A
2 PROGRAM FOR THEM. I'M JUST SAYING THAT AS AN EXAMPLE. AND THE
3 SAME THING IS TRUE OF THE IN-PATIENT BEDS. SO I THINK WE HAVE
4 TO BE CAREFUL, BECAUSE YOU CAN CREATE A PROGRAM TO HAVE COST
5 AVOIDANCE IN THOSE TWO AREAS BY APPROACHING IT DIFFERENTLY. SO
6 I THINK THAT MY ONLY CONCERN IS, AND THIS IS WHERE THE STATE
7 COMES IN, IS THAT THE STATE TRULY HAS A RESPONSIBILITY TO US
8 AND ITS HOMELESS AND ITS MENTALLY ILL POPULATION IN THE STATE
9 TO SORT OUT AND TO START FIGURING OUT HOW WE DO A MORE
10 EFFECTIVE JOB IN PROVIDING SERVICES TO THAT POPULATION. THE
11 BIGGEST PROBLEM OF ALL IS WHEN YOU HAVE SOMEONE WHO IS
12 AVOIDING THOSE SERVICES AND THAT IS NOT TAKING MEDICATION, NOT
13 COMING TO THEIR THERAPIES, NOT UTILIZING THE SERVICES. SO
14 CONSEQUENTLY, THEY END UP COSTING US MORE, AND WE CAN'T DO
15 ANYTHING ABOUT IT. ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE DID IN THE
16 CHILDREN'S PROGRAM THAT IS A LITTLE DIFFERENT IS WE TOOK
17 ADVANTAGE OF THE CLUB THAT WE HAD, AND THAT IS WHEN PARENTS
18 WOULDN'T TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THEIR CHILDREN, THAT IS,
19 PROVIDE THEM A DECENT ENVIRONMENT, WE HAD THE ABILITY TO TAKE
20 THOSE CHILDREN AND SEPARATE THEM FROM THEIR PARENTS, SOMETHING
21 WE DID NOT WANT TO DO, BUT CERTAINLY WAS THE LEVERAGE THAT WE
22 HAD. AND SO I JUST WANT US TO BE CAREFUL AS WE APPROACH THIS,
23 BECAUSE WE'RE USING SOME WORDS HERE THAT I DON'T WANT -- I
24 THINK THAT WE HAVE TO BE VERY CAREFUL IN LIGHT OF THE FACT
25 THAT THE STATE IS PASSING DOWN AS MUCH RESPONSIBILITY AND



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1 TAKING AWAY MORE DOLLARS FROM, WHETHER IT BE MENTAL HEALTH OR
2 ANY OF OUR SOCIAL SERVICES. SO I JUST CAUTION US AS TO HOW WE
3 APPROACH THIS. THERE IS VALUE HERE, BUT AT THE SAME TIME, I
4 THINK WE ALSO NEED TO UNDERSTAND WHAT THAT VALUE IS. IS IT TO
5 CONTINUE AND EXPAND A PROJECT OR LOOK FOR OPPORTUNITIES TO
6 ACHIEVE THE SAME OUTCOME?

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8 **MIGUEL SANTANA:** WHICH IS EXACTLY WHAT IT IS, WHAT YOU JUST
9 SAID.

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11 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND I DON'T SEE THAT AS MUCH. BECAUSE RIGHT NOW,
12 AS YOU LOOK AT PROJECT 50 IN ITS MOST BASIC OF WHAT IT'S DOING
13 TODAY, THE REPLICATION OF THAT WOULD BE UNBELIEVABLE COST WITH
14 THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE. NOW, IF YOU REPLICATED THE OUTCOMES,
15 WHICH I THINK CAN BE DONE, AND THAT'S WHAT I'M INTERESTED IN
16 LOOKING AT, THEN I THINK WE HAVE A LOT TO DO. AND THAT'S WHY
17 IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE LOOK AT SOME OF THESE FIGURES AND SOME
18 OF THESE NUMBERS AND ALSO EXPLORE THE POTENTIAL OF -- IN ORDER
19 TO ACHIEVE THE SAME OUTCOMES, HOW DO WE CARRY IT OUT? RIGHT
20 NOW, WHEN WE'RE LOOKING AT OUR CHILDREN'S PROGRAM RIGHT NOW,
21 IT IS GOING TO BE VERY DIFFERENT WHEN WE TAKE THIS THING ON
22 THE ROAD. BECAUSE WE CAN'T SEND OUR OUTREACH TEAMS TO
23 TORRANCE, AND THERE'S A PLACE WHERE THESE HOMELESS PEOPLE WITH
24 CHILDREN WALK AROUND. IT'S A MUCH DIFFERENT APPROACH. SO YOU
25 HAVE TO START FIGURING OUT, HOW DO YOU EXPAND THAT SO THAT YOU



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1 ARE REALLY LOOKING AT IT TO ACHIEVE THE SAME OUTCOMES WITHOUT
2 -- BECAUSE WE HAD A SITE-SPECIFIC THAT WE COULD SEND OUR
3 OUTREACH TEAMS AT AND SORT OF MAKE AN ASSESSMENT AND BEGAN THE
4 EVALUATION PROCESS OF WHETHER A CHILD WAS PUT IN SOME KIND OF
5 DANGER OR A BAD OUTCOME, SO I JUST CAUTION YOU IN THAT REGARD,
6 BECAUSE I THINK THESE ARE WORDS, AND PARTICULARLY IN THESE
7 KINDS OF FINANCIAL UNCERTAINTIES WITH THE STATE AND WITH
8 OURSELVES, THAT WE START LOOKING AT IT. I DO NOT BELIEVE RIGHT
9 NOW, AND I KNOW INAPPROPRIATE TO SAY, WHILE MAYBE OUR MORAL
10 RESPONSIBILITY AS A CORE RESPONSIBILITY, IT IS NOT OUR LEGAL
11 RESPONSIBILITY AND, MR. SOUTHARD, CORRECT ME IF I AM WRONG, AS
12 UNDER OUR MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, IT IS NOT. AND I THINK WE
13 SHOULD BE CAREFUL.

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15 **MIGUEL SANTANA:** A DIFFERENT WAY OF LOOKING AT THIS PROJECT,
16 AND FRANKLY AT THE DIFFERENT WAY OF LOOKING AT HOMELESS AS A
17 WHOLE, IS THAT IT'S OUR FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY. AT THE END OF
18 THE DAY, WE PAY FOR THESE PEOPLE ONE WAY OR THE OTHER. WE PAY
19 FOR THE HOMELESS FAMILIES IN SKID ROW OR IN TORRANCE OR BELL
20 GARDENS. WE PAY FOR THE HOMELESS MAN IN SKID ROW OR POMONA.
21 ONE WAY THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES IS DOING IT. AND SO WE COULD
22 CONTINUE MAINTAINING THAT SAME SYSTEM AND THAT SAME CYCLE AND
23 JUST PUT PEOPLE ON AN ASSEMBLY LINE AND JUST HAVE THE COST GO
24 FROM ONE DEPARTMENT TO ANOTHER, FROM ONE SOURCE TO ANOTHER.
25 WHAT WE'RE TRYING TO DO, NOT JUST WITH THIS PROJECT, BUT WITH



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1 ALL THE FUNDING, IS FIGURE OUT HOW DO WE LOOK AT IT AS A
2 WHOLE?

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4 **SUP. MOLINA:** WELL, I UNDERSTAND THAT AND I I APPRECIATE THAT.
5 THAT'S WHY I'M SAYING THE OUTCOMES ARE SO POSITIVE. SO FOR
6 EXAMPLE, EMERGENCY ROOMS, LESSENING THE NUMBER OF EMERGENCY
7 ROOMS, YOU CAN ACHIEVE THAT BY DOING SOME, YOU KNOW, LOOKING
8 AT WHO IS COMING IN AND YOU CAN DO IT BY DIFFERENT MODES, NOT
9 JUST NECESSARILY THIS PROGRAM. BUT YOU CAN ALSO DO IT BY
10 OUTREACH INTO THE HOMELESS COMMUNITY, QUALIFY THEM. ONE OF THE
11 BIGGEST ISSUES I HAD WHEN I FIRST CAME TO THE COUNTY IS HOW
12 MANY PEOPLE WERE BEING DISQUALIFIED FROM S.S.I. WE DO IT
13 OURSELVES IN OUR OWN DEPARTMENT. OUR FIRST INSTINCT IS TO TYPE
14 "DISQUALIFIED." THE WAY THAT WE HAVE TO QUALIFY, INSTEAD OF
15 TRAINING OUR PEOPLE TO QUALIFY, OUR PEOPLES' FIRST REACTION IS
16 TO DISQUALIFY THEM FROM S.S.I. ON FIRST BLUSH. LET THE STATE -
17 - WE SHOULD DO ALL THAT WE CAN TO QUALIFY OUR INDIVIDUALS. I
18 DON'T KNOW IF THAT'S CHANGED SO MUCH IN THE DEPARTMENT OF
19 SOCIAL SERVICES, BUT I KNOW WHEN WE USED TO LOOK AT THAT
20 PROCESS, THE FIRST INSTINCT ON AVERAGE WAY BACK IN WHAT? WHEN
21 I FIRST GOT HERE, IN '92, '93 WHEN WE LOOKED AT THOSE NUMBERS,
22 WE WERE DISQUALIFYING OVER 80% OF THE PEOPLE WHO CAME IN AND
23 MADE -- THAT'S WHAT WE DID. SO WE WERE MAKING SURE THE STATE
24 NEVER EVEN GOT THESE APPLICATIONS. APPLICATIONS, SO I'M JUST
25 SAYING THERE IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO START GETTING TO THE



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1 OUTCOMES WITHOUT EXCLUSIVELY LOOKING AT HOW DO WE HOUSE THE
2 MENTALLY ILL. THAT IS WHERE I ASK YOU TO PROCEED VERY
3 CAUTIOUSLY BECAUSE IT ISN'T JUST A MATTER OF COST, IT'S A
4 MATTER OF SITING THAT IS A BIG, BIG ISSUE. AND ANYONE WHO
5 LIVES ANYWHERE HERE IN L.A. COUNTY WILL BE WATCHING WHERE YOU
6 SITE. BIG ISSUE.

7

8 **MIGUEL SANTANA:** MA'AM, WE HAVE THAT ISSUE HERE. WE HAD TO WORK
9 WITH THE COMMUNITY AND EXPLAIN TO THEM EXACTLY WHAT WE WERE
10 DOING AND FIND WAYS OF MITIGATING THEIR CONCERNS AND I THINK
11 WE REACHED A CONSENSUS TO THAT. BUT I THINK IT'S ONE OF THE
12 MAJOR COMPONENTS OF ANY HOMELESS PROGRAM.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I MEAN, THE POINT BEING IS THAT YOU KEEP
15 SAYING WE'RE GOING TO PAY FOR THIS ONE WAY OR THE OTHER. AND I
16 BELIEVE THAT, SO WE STILL SHOULD BE ABLE TO FIND OUT HOW MUCH
17 IT COSTS. I MEAN, WE PUT IN A MOTION MONTHS AGO ON COST
18 AVOIDANCE ON THIS WHOLE ISSUE. AND WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO
19 QUANTIFY IT OR VALIDATE IT. AS SUPERVISOR MOLINA INDICATED,
20 THE OUTCOMES ARE THERE. SO WE OUGHT TO BE ABLE TO PUT OUR ARMS
21 AROUND IT AND HAVE AN IDEA SO THAT WE DON'T SAY IT PAYS FOR
22 ITSELF. I MEAN, I HAVE YET TO SEE A GOVERNMENT PROGRAM PAY FOR
23 ITSELF.

24

25 **MIGUEL SANTANA:** FAIR ENOUGH.



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ANY OTHER COMMENTS? IF NOT, WE HAVE A
3 NUMBER OF PEOPLE SIGNED UP.

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5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** COULD I JUST READ THE MOTION IN SO WE HAVE
6 SOMETHING ON THE TABLE, MR. CHAIRMAN? I WON'T READ THE WHOLE
7 MOTION, JUST THE RESOLVED PART. MOVE THAT WE DIRECT THE C.E.O.
8 AND APPROPRIATE COUNTY DEPARTMENTS TO EXPAND PROJECT 50 PILOT
9 PROJECT TO SERVE UP TO 500 VULNERABLE CHRONICALLY HOMELESS
10 PERSONS THROUGHOUT L.A. COUNTY BY THE END OF NEXT FISCAL YEAR,
11 JUNE 30, 2010, AND ADOPT THE C.E.O.'S SIX RECOMMENDATIONS AS
12 STATED IN THE MAY 13, 2009 FEASIBILITY REPORT.

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14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. ALL RIGHT. ANY OTHER -- IF NOT,
15 WE'LL GO TO THE PUBLIC TESTIMONY. OKAY. WE'RE GOING TO GIVE
16 EVERYONE -- THERE ARE A NUMBER OF PEOPLE SIGNED UP. IT WAS
17 SUGGESTED BY MY COLLEAGUES, ONE MINUTE EACH. CARLOS VAN
18 NATTER, JOHN SNIBBE, JESSE WALKER, AND EDWARD GIVENS, IF YOU'D
19 COME FORWARD PLEASE, THE FIRST FOUR. AND ONCE YOU FINISH
20 TESTIFYING, YOU STEP DOWN AND I'LL CALL UP OTHER INDIVIDUALS.
21 ON YOUR "WHEREASES" HERE THEN, YOU'RE BASICALLY MOVING
22 FORWARD, NOT GETTING ANY INFORMATION BACK?

23

24 **MIGUEL SANTANA:** WHAT WAS THE QUESTION?

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MY QUESTION WAS, WE'RE MOVING -- THE
2 "WHEREASES" THAT HE READ, I JUST WANT A CLARIFICATION THAT
3 WE'RE MOVING FORWARD BY JUNE 30TH OF 2010 WITHOUT THE
4 FINANCIAL INFORMATION THAT YOU'VE AGREED TO--

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. EACH PROJECT THAT IS THE SUBJECT OF
7 THE -- EACH ONE OF THESE PILOTS THAT IS THE SUBJECT OF THIS,
8 THAT COULD BE A PART OF IT, HAS TO COME BACK TO THE BOARD FOR
9 APPROVAL. IF YOU WANT TO ADD THAT IN THERE, IT'S ALREADY
10 UNDERSTOOD, BUT I'D BE HAPPY TO ADD THAT IN THERE. SO IF YOU
11 WOULD ADD THAT IN THERE. ALL PROJECTS PURSUANT TO PROJECT 500
12 WOULD HAVE TO COME INDIVIDUALLY BACK TO THE BOARD FOR
13 APPROVAL. I WOULD ALSO ASK, MR. CHAIRMAN, I WAS JUST TELLING
14 MY STAFF, I THINK WE OUGHT TO GET WHAT YOU'RE ASKING FOR,
15 WHATEVER IT IS. AND MAYBE ASK THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER, AFTER
16 JUNE 30TH, WHICH WOULD BE A YEAR AND A HALF OF PROJECT 50, TO
17 DO AN ANALYSIS OF THE COSTS AND GET SOMETHING IN WRITING
18 BECAUSE IT'S NOT THAT COMPLICATED. IT'S ARITHMETIC.

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20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I AGREE IT'S NOT COMPLICATED, BUT WE
21 HAVE TO GET THE INFORMATION WE REQUESTED.

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO I WOULD MAKE THAT AS A -- ADD IT TO MY
24 MOTION. TWO THINGS, THAT EACH PROJECT PURSUANT TO PROJECT 500
25 WOULD HAVE TO COME BACK TO THE BOARD FOR APPROVAL, IDENTIFY



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1 THE FUNDING FOR IT. AND SECONDLY, THAT THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER
2 BE REQUESTED, AFTER JUNE 30TH OF THIS YEAR, TO DO A COST
3 ANALYSIS OF PROJECT 50 TO THAT POINT.

4

5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. IF YOU WILL IDENTIFY YOURSELF.
6 YOU'VE GOT ONE MINUTE. AND THEN AS I SAID, ONCE YOU FINISH
7 TESTIFYING, I'M GOING TO CALL OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC UP.
8 SO, WHOEVER WOULD LIKE TO GO FIRST, FEEL FREE.

9

10 **CARLOS VAN NATTER:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. I'M CARLOS VAN
11 NATTER WITH THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES.
12 I WANTED TO TAKE A MOMENT TO SAY THAT H.A.C.L.A. HAS BEEN
13 HONORED TO PARTICIPATE IN PROJECT 50. THROUGH THE USE OF
14 H.A.C.L.A. AND SHELTER PLUS CARE, REYNOLDS SUBSIDY, AND THE
15 SUPPORTIVE SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE 26 GOVERNMENT AND
16 NONPROFIT AGENCY PARTNERS. THAT COLLABORATION WAS AMAZING IN
17 ITS BREADTH AND ITS DEPTH. WE PARTICIPATED BY EXPEDITING THE
18 PROCESSING OF APPLICATIONS AND TAKING PART IN THE REGULAR
19 WEEKLY CONFERENCE CALLS WITH THE PARTNERS TO RESOLVE ISSUES
20 THAT CAME UP, NOT ONLY FOR THIS GROUP BUT FOR THE OVERALL
21 GROUP OF CLIENTS THAT WE HELP. IT HAS HELPED US IMMENSELY AT
22 OUR AGENCY. WE ALSO BELIEVE THAT THE PARTNERSHIPS FORMED BY
23 THIS COLLABORATION ARE STRONG AND WILL SET THE STAGE FOR
24 FUTURE PROJECTS, SUCH AS PROJECT 500. THANK YOU.

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. I WOULD AND THAT BETH SANDOR
2 JOIN US, PLEASE. NEXT?

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4 **JESSE WALKER:** MY NAME IS JESSE WALKER, AND I'M A MEMBER OF
5 PROJECT 50. I'VE BEEN IN PROJECT 50 ABOUT A YEAR. AND I WAS
6 HOMELESS FOR ABOUT 21, 22 YEARS. AND THEY HAD A GREAT THING
7 FOR ME, GOT ME BACK, GOT ME GOING TO CHURCH EVERY SUNDAY. I'M
8 OUT OF -- I'M AWAY FROM BEING INSTITUTIONALIZED AGAIN. AND I
9 JUST GIVE MY THANKS TO PROJECT 50.

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11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

12

13 **EDWARD GIVENS:** MY NAME IS EDWARD GIVENS. AND I'M ALSO IN
14 PROJECT 50. AND I JUST WANT TO SAY THAT I THINK PROJECT 50
15 WILL WORK, BECAUSE IT WORKS FOR ME. I'VE BEEN IN PROJECT 50
16 ABOUT PROBABLY A YEAR AND A HALF NOW. AND IT'S REALLY HELPED
17 ME. YOU KNOW, BECAUSE BEFORE WHEN I WAS ON THE STREETS, I
18 REALLY DIDN'T HAVE ANY HOPE FOR MYSELF. BUT SINCE I GOT INTO
19 PROJECT 50, IT HELPS ME A LOT, AND I JUST WANT TO SAY I THINK
20 PROJECT 50 WILL WORK. THANK YOU.

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22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. I ASK THAT ALICIA LARA JOIN
23 US, PLEASE. NEXT? NEXT? HI.

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1 **JOHN SNIBBE:** I'M DR. JOHN SNIBBE, THE DIRECTOR OF PROJECT 50.
2 I WORK FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, I'M A PROGRAM
3 HEAD, CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGIST. I JUST WANTED TO INDICATE THAT
4 MR. WALKER, WHO JUST SPOKE TO YOU A FEW MINUTES AGO, IS GOING
5 TO BE OUR FIRST GRADUATE FROM PROJECT 50. HE'S GOING TO MOVE
6 FROM SKID ROW TO AN APARTMENT IN THE CRENSHAW DISTRICT. AND
7 WITH THE HELP OF H.A.C.L.A. AND THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL
8 HEALTH, WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO VOUCHER HIM TO A SHELTER-PLUS CARE,
9 TENANT-BASED VOUCHER SO THAT HE CAN MOVE FROM SKID ROW. SO
10 HE'S OUR FIRST GRADUATE. AND JUST THIS WEEK, WE REACHED A 60%
11 MARK WITH REGARD TO OUR PARTICIPANTS WHO ARE APPROVED FOR
12 S.S.I. WE'VE ALSO, IN THE LAST 90 DAYS, HAD ONLY ONE PERSON
13 ARRESTED AND INCARCERATED WHO IS A CURRENT PROJECT 50 MEMBER,
14 AND THAT WAS FOR THREE DAYS ONLY. SO BECAUSE OF OUR INTENSIVE
15 CASE MANAGEMENT SERVICES, WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO KEEP PEOPLE OUT
16 OF JAIL, WHICH IS A REALLY IMPORTANT COMPONENT OF OUR PROJECT.

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18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. MICHAEL ARNOLD. AND LESLIE
19 WISE. OKAY. BETH?

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21 **BETH SANDOR:** HI. BETH SANDOR FROM COMMON GROUND. I WANTED TO
22 THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF PROJECT 50 AND ENCOURAGE YOU TO
23 SUPPORT THE EXPANSION TO 500. PROJECT 50 HAS NOT ONLY BEEN A
24 CATALYST FOR CHANGE IN LOS ANGELES, BUT ACROSS THE COUNTRY,
25 AND HAS LEVERAGED NATIONAL SUCCESS. SINCE YOU VOTED ON PROJECT



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1 50 IN JANUARY OF 2008, WE'VE WORKED WITH EIGHT OTHER CITIES TO
2 IMPLEMENT THE VULNERABILITY INDEXES, THE WAY THEY PRIORITIZE
3 THE MOST CHRONIC AND VULNERABLE INTO HOUSING. WE'VE WORKED
4 WITH PORTLAND, FORT WORTH, NASHVILLE, WASHINGTON, D.C., TO
5 NAME A FEW. AND HERE ARE SOME OF THE THINGS THAT HAVE BEEN
6 ACHIEVED NATIONALLY. 5,000 PEOPLE HAVE BEEN SURVEYED IN 2008,
7 700 NEW PEOPLE WERE HOUSED, \$5 MILLION WORTH OF NEW SERVICES
8 WERE LEVERAGED. IN D.C., THEY SURVEYED THEIR ENTIRE CITY AND
9 THEIR SHELTER POPULATION, AND HOUSED 300 PEOPLE IN THREE
10 WEEKS. IN NEW ORLEANS, THEY LEVERAGED 3,000 NEW VOUCHERS. IN
11 LOS ANGELES, YOU ACHIEVED AN UNPRECEDENTED TASK OF HOUSING
12 PEOPLE ON AVERAGE IN 12 DAYS. WE HAVEN'T SEEN THAT ANYWHERE
13 ELSE IN THE COUNTRY, AND WE'VE BEGUN A STUDY TO VALIDATE THE
14 VULNERABILITY INDEX TOOL THROUGH A NATIONAL STUDY. IN LOS
15 ANGELES RIGHT NOW, WE'RE WORKING WITH SEVEN OTHER COMMUNITIES
16 ACROSS THE COUNTY TO IMPLEMENT THE VULNERABILITY INDEX, SO THE
17 IMPACT YOU'RE MAKING BY SUPPORTING PROJECT 50 AND 500 DOESN'T
18 ONLY HAVE AN IMPACT IN L.A., BUT IT'S FAR REACHING NATIONWIDE.
19 AND YOU'RE ALIGNING LOS ANGELES WITH BEST PRACTICE OF MATCHING
20 HOUSING AND SUBPOPULATIONS. THANK YOU.

21
22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN, IF I CAN JUST TAKE A MOMENT TO
23 THANK BETH. YOU REALLY SHOULDN'T HAVE HAD TO TESTIFY IN THE
24 PUBLIC, I APOLOGIZE FOR THAT. COMMON GROUND IS OUR PARTNER IN
25 THIS PROGRAM, AND THEY HAVE BEEN INCREDIBLE, NOT ONLY IN THE



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1 SKID ROW PROJECT, BUT IN WORKING WITH OTHER COMMUNITIES. AND
2 WE APPRECIATE IT VERY MUCH, THE WORK YOU'RE DOING AT THE V.A.,
3 WHICH WE'RE LOOKING FORWARD TO, AND THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR
4 HARD WORK.

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6 **BETH SANDOR:** THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

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8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MOLLY RYSMAN. ALICIA?

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10 **ALICIA LARA:** THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS ALICIA LARA
11 AND I'M WITH UNITED WAY OF GREATER LOS ANGELES. HOMELESSNESS
12 HAS BEEN A MAJOR ISSUE THAT WE'VE BEEN WORKING ON. CURRENTLY,
13 WE FUND ABOUT 49 ORGANIZATIONS ACROSS THE COUNTY TO THE TUNE
14 OF ABOUT \$3 MILLION. SO PROBABLY OUTSIDE OF THE PUBLIC SECTOR,
15 UNITED WAY IS PROBABLY THE BIGGEST PRIVATE DONOR AND SUPPORTER
16 OF HOMELESS SERVICES. I JUST WANT TO SPEAK ON BEHALF OF
17 SUPPORTING THE CONCEPT AROUND THE EXPANSION OF PROJECT 50. I
18 WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE LEADERSHIP THAT SUPERVISOR
19 YAROSLAVSKY, BUT OTHER SUPERVISORS AS WELL, HAVE SHOWN ON THIS
20 PARTICULAR ISSUE. WE HAVE, JUST TO SAY, WE HAVE CONTRACTED
21 WITH U.S.C. TO DO A COST EFFECTIVENESS STUDY, WHICH WE'D BE
22 HAPPY TO SHARE, WHICH WILL PROBABLY BE READY CLOSER TO THIS
23 FALL TO BRING TO YOU. AND I THINK IT WILL ADD TO THE TERRIFIC
24 INFORMATION THAT THE COUNTY HAS PROVIDED. LET ME JUST SAY THAT
25 --



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IS THAT A COST EFFECTIVENESS STUDY -- HOLD
3 HER TIME -- OF PROJECT 50, OR OF SOMETHING BROADER THAN THAT?

4

5 **ALICIA LARA:** IT'S ACTUALLY, IT'S GOING TO BE A CASE ANALYSIS
6 OF FOUR PEOPLE LIVING IN THE STREETS OF HOLLYWOOD. SO IT'S
7 GOING TO BE TALKING ABOUT THEIR EXPERIENCES GOING THROUGH
8 COUNTY SYSTEMS AND NOW THAT THEY'VE BEEN HOUSED, WHAT IT'S
9 COSTING NOW. SO LET ME JUST SAY THAT IN ANY PROJECT THAT YOU
10 DO END UP SUPPORTING, THE NOTION OF BREAKING DOWN SILOS IS AN
11 INCREDIBLE ONE AND, I THINK THE COUNTY HAS DONE TERRIFIC WORK
12 ON THAT. I SUGGEST THAT IT BE ALSO VERY OUTCOMES AND EVIDENCE
13 BASED, INCLUDING COST EFFECTIVENESS, AND THAT YOU PARTNER WITH
14 ORGANIZATIONS LIKE UNITED WAY, WHICH WE'D BE PLEASED TO WORK
15 WITH YOU ON HELPING MOVING SOMETHING LIKE THIS FORWARD. THANK
16 YOU.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. MICHAEL?

19

20 **MICHAEL ARNOLD:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISOR.

21

22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ASK ARNOLD SACHS TO JOIN US.

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24 **MICHAEL ARNOLD:** MIKE ARNOLD, WITH THE LOS ANGELES HOMELESS
25 SERVICES AUTHORITY. I WANT TO THANK YOU, FIRST OF ALL, FOR THE



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1 OPPORTUNITY TO VOICE MY SUPPORT FOR THE COUNTY'S PROPOSED
2 PROJECT 500 AND ITS INHERENT INTEGRATION AND ALIGNING OF
3 SERVICES WITH HOUSING TO CREATE SOLUTIONS TO CHRONIC
4 HOMELESSNESS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THE CREATION OF PERMANENT
5 SUPPORTIVE HOUSING IS EXTREMELY CHALLENGING. IT INVOLVES
6 COMPLEX CAPITAL FINANCING, ONGOING OPERATING FUNDS AND EQUALLY
7 CRITICAL FUNDING FOR SUPPORTIVE SERVICES. FINDING FUNDING FOR
8 EACH OF THOSE ELEMENTS IS A DAUNTING CHALLENGE FOR EVEN THE
9 MOST EXPERIENCED DEVELOPER OR PROVIDER OF PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE
10 HOUSING. WE ALSO KNOW THAT PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING IS
11 CRITICAL TO OUR ABILITY TO REDUCE AND ULTIMATELY END
12 HOMELESSNESS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. OVER THE PAST FIVE YEARS,
13 THE HOUSING AUTHORITIES OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY, CITY, THE
14 CITY OF SANTA MONICA, L.A.H.S.A., AND PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE
15 HOUSING PROVIDERS HAVE SUCCESSFULLY COMPETED IN THE H.U.D.
16 NATIONAL SUPERNOfA HOMELESS FUNDING APPLICATION PROCESS AND
17 OBTAINED ONGOING OPERATING FUNDING FOR 1,100 PERMANENT
18 SUPPORTIVE HOUSING UNITS AND 1,300 PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE
19 HOUSING BEDS FOR CHRONICALLY HOMELESS AND THOSE WITH SEVERE
20 MENTAL ILLNESS. ADDITIONAL HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES FOR HOMELESS
21 HAS BEEN CREATED THROUGH COUNTY AND CITY SET ASIDE PROGRAMS OF
22 SECTION 8 VOUCHERS AND WITHIN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, A
23 HOMELESS COMPONENT TO THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND IN THE
24 MAYOR'S HOUSING PLAN. PROJECT 500 ALIGNS COUNTY FUNDING TO
25 BRING CRITICAL SERVICES TO HOUSING AND CREATES THE OPPORTUNITY



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1 OF BOTH INCREASED INVENTORY OF PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING
2 UNITS AS WELL AS ENABLING EXISTING HOUSING PROVIDERS TO MORE
3 RAPIDLY HOUSE AND PROVIDE SERVICES TO THE MOST FRAIL AND
4 VULNERABLE IN OUR COMMUNITIES AND KEEP THEM SUSTAINABLY
5 HOUSED. ADDITIONALLY, PROJECT 500 BUILDS ON THE LINKAGES
6 DEVELOPED BETWEEN HOUSING AND SERVICES FROM PROJECT 50 IN WAYS
7 THAT WILL HAVE A PERMANENT IMPACT ON OUR COLLECTIVE ABILITY TO
8 ENCOURAGE, SUPPORT THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENT PERMANENT
9 SUPPORTIVE HOUSING IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. WE APPLAUD AND
10 APPRECIATE THE COUNTY'S FOCUS ON HOMELESSNESS AS A PROBLEM
11 THAT CAN BE SOLVED AND WE STAND READY TO WORK WITH YOU IN
12 FINDING EFFECTIVE, SUSTAINABLE SOLUTIONS. THANK YOU.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. AND THEN IF HELMI HISSERICH
15 WOULD JOIN US PLEASE. LESLIE?

16

17 **LESLIE WISE:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. LESLIE WISE, I'M THE
18 DIRECTOR OF POLICY AND PLANNING AT THE LOS ANGELES HOMELESS
19 SERVICES AUTHORITY. EXPANDING PROJECT 50 TO PROJECT 500
20 PROVIDES A CONCRETE AND CONTINUED COMMITMENT OF THE COUNTY OF
21 L.A. TO THE PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING MODEL. RECOGNIZING
22 THE COUNTY HAS A ROLE TO PLAY IN MORE EFFECTIVELY CONNECTING
23 EXISTING COUNTY RESOURCES TO THE HOUSING PROGRAMS IS
24 DEMONSTRATIVE OF THE COUNTY'S INTEREST IN REDUCING THE NUMBER
25 OF HOMELESS LIVING ON OUR STREETS AND SHELTERS. EXPLORING WAYS



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1 TO USE EXISTING RESOURCES DIFFERENTLY AND MORE EFFECTIVELY IS
2 ONE IMPORTANT WAY THE COUNTY IS MOVING FORWARD TO THIS END.
3 THE IMPORTANT PARADIGM SHIFT THAT THE COUNTY IS UNDERGOING TO
4 BETTER TARGET AND IDENTIFY THE MOST VULNERABLE INDIVIDUALS ON
5 THE STREETS AND MOVE THEM INTO HOUSING WITH INTENSIVE
6 INTEGRATED HEALTH, MENTAL HEALTH, AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE
7 TREATMENT SERVICES IS CUTTING EDGE AND A TESTED APPROACH TO
8 REDUCING CHRONIC STREET HOMELESSNESS. THIS APPROACH HAS BEEN
9 PROVEN TO BE EFFECTIVE ON THE EMERGENCY SYSTEMS OF CARE THAT
10 HAVE BEEN HISTORICALLY THE SYSTEMS THAT RESPOND TO THIS
11 CRITICAL ISSUE. WHILE WE WAIT FOR THE RESULTS OF THE STUDY
12 THAT'S CURRENTLY BEING DONE ON THE COST AVOIDANCE OF THOSE
13 SYSTEMS, WE HAVE LEARNED IMPORTANT LESSONS THAT CAN SUPPORT
14 OUR CONTINUED MOVEMENT FORWARD, THAT THE CHRONICALLY HOMELESS
15 ARE NOT SERVICE RESISTANT, AND THAT HOUSING HAS INCREASED THE
16 EFFECTIVE CONNECTION OF FOLKS TO PUBLIC BENEFITS LIKE MEDI-CAL
17 AND S.S.I., MORE EFFECTIVELY LEVERAGING STATE AND FEDERAL
18 FUNDING FROM PUBLIC BENEFITS. KNOWING THIS, PROJECT --

19

20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WANT TO WRAP IT UP, PLEASE.

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22 **LESLIE WISE:** MOVING FORWARD WITH PROJECT 500 ALSO MOVES OUR
23 CONTINUUM OF CARE FORWARD AND INCREASING THE NUMBER OF HOUSING
24 UNITS FOR THIS POPULATION AND MAKING SURE THAT WE'RE MEASURING
25 HOUSING STABILITY OVER THE LONG-TERM. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. MOLLY?

3

4 **MOLLY RYSMAN:** GOOD AFTERNOON. I'M MOLLY RYSMAN WITH SKID ROW
5 HOUSING TRUST. I WANT TO JUST START BY THANKING YOU FOR
6 APPROVING PROJECT 50 14 MONTHS AGO NOW. IT WAS A LEAP OF FAITH
7 AND IT HAS PAID OFF FOR THE INDIVIDUALS' HELPED, IT'S PAID OFF
8 FOR THE COMMUNITY THAT WE LIVE IN, WHICH HAS FEWER HOMELESS
9 PEOPLE ON THE STREETS. AND IT'S PAID OFF FOR THE ORGANIZATIONS
10 INVOLVED IN THIS UNIQUE PROJECT. THE TRUST WAS ONE OF THE 24
11 PARTNERS. WORKING WITH H.A.C.L.A., WE PROVIDE THE PERMANENT
12 HOUSING THAT'S A PART OF PROJECT 50. IT'S NOT ONLY BEEN
13 SUCCESSFUL FOR THE INDIVIDUALS, BUT IT'S REALLY BEEN AN EYE-
14 OPENER FOR US AS AN ORGANIZATION, AND I WANT TO EXPLAIN HOW.
15 WE KNEW THAT PEOPLE NEEDED PERMANENT HOUSING, HOUSING THAT WAS
16 STABLE, THAT WAS SUPPORTIVE, THAT THEY COULD CALL THEIR OWN IN
17 ORDER TO END HOMELESSNESS. WE HAD LEARNED OVER OUR 20 YEARS
18 THAT THEY ALSO NEEDED SUPPORTIVE SERVICES. BUT WHAT PROJECT 50
19 TAUGHT US IS YOU HAVE TO MAKE THAT CONNECTION FOR THE PEOPLE
20 WHO ARE ON THE STREETS TO THAT HOUSING AND TO THOSE SERVICES.
21 BEFORE PROJECT 50, WE DID THIS ON A FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED
22 BASIS. WE SIMPLY HAD A DOOR THAT WAS OPEN THAT PEOPLE COULD
23 WALK IN. THROUGH PROJECT 50, WE DIDN'T ASK PEOPLE TO WALK
24 THROUGH THAT DOOR. WE WENT AND FOUND THEM, AND BECAUSE IT WAS
25 TOO MANY PEOPLE WERE FALLING THROUGH OUR CRACKS BEFORE. YOU



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1 NEED TO MAKE THOSE CONNECTIONS, AND THIS IS THE BODY THAT HAS
2 TO BRING THE PARTNERS TO THE TABLE AND MAKE THOSE CONNECTIONS.
3 THEY WILL NOT HAPPEN WITHOUT YOU. THANK YOU.

4

5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ARNOLD?

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7 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON. AROUND SACHS. I
8 APPRECIATE THE FACT THAT IT WAS A VERY INTERESTING REPORT.
9 JUST SOME POINTS, THE PERSON MAKING THE REPORT FOR THE
10 HOMELESS PROJECT 50 SAID IF YOU'RE ON THE LIST THAT THEY HAD,
11 YOU HAVE A GREATER PROBABILITY OF DYING. AND SOME OF THE
12 PEOPLE THEY WERE TALKING ABOUT WHO HAVE BEEN HOMELESS FOR
13 DECADES. SO JUST BEING HOMELESS IN AND OF ITSELF DOES NOT
14 INCREASE YOUR PROBABILITY OF DYING. I'M CONCERNED MORE WITH
15 THE MENTAL HEALTH ASPECT, THAT THE STATE'S LACK OF RESOURCES
16 HAS FOSTERED A MENTAL HEALTH, FOR LACK OF BETTER -- MENTAL
17 HEALTH ROLLING CLINIC ON PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION. THE FACT THAT
18 YOU DON'T REALLY HAVE TO GO TOO FAR TO LOOK FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE
19 IN NEED OF DESPERATE HOUSING. ALL YOU NEED TO DO IS VISIT YOUR
20 PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION. I'M GLAD TO SEE SOME FISCAL
21 RESPONSIBILITY. I'M GLAD TO SEE SOME FISCAL TARGETING. I THINK
22 THEY'RE BOTH IMPORTANT ASPECTS OF THE PROJECT. I LOOK FORWARD
23 TO AN INCREASE AND MORE AND BETTER RESULTS. THANK YOU.

24

25 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. HELMI?



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2 **HELMI HISSERICH:** HONORABLE SUPERVISORS, I'M HELMI HISSERICH,
3 DEPUTY MAYOR FOR HOUSING AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY IN THE
4 ADMINISTRATION OF THE LOS ANGELES MAYOR ANTONIO VILLARAIGOSA.
5 IN THIS ROLE, I PROVIDE POLICY DIRECTION TO THE MAYOR OF LOS
6 ANGELES ON ISSUES OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS.
7 FIRST, I WANT TO COMMEND THE SUPERVISORS FOR YOUR CONTINUED
8 DEDICATION TO THE EFFORT TO END HOMELESSNESS IN THE COUNTY OF
9 LOS ANGELES. I SPECIFICALLY WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE SUPERVISOR
10 GLORIA MOLINA ON HER EFFORT TO MOVE FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN OUT
11 OF SKID ROW. AND I WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE SUPERVISOR ZEVI
12 YAROSLAVSKY'S LEADERSHIP EFFORTS TO DEVELOP A CLEAR AND
13 FOCUSED STRATEGY TO END CHRONIC HOMELESSNESS IN SKID ROW AND
14 THROUGHOUT HIS DISTRICT, AND HIS LEADERSHIP ON PROJECT 50. IN
15 THE PAST YEAR, I'VE HAD THE PRIVILEGE TO GET TO KNOW DEPUTIES
16 FROM ALL FIVE OF THE SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS. I'VE WORKED WITH
17 THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE AND SEVERAL OF THE COUNTY DEPARTMENTS. AND
18 I HAVE FOUND ACROSS THE BOARD THE DESIRE TO BRING ABOUT REAL
19 AND MEANINGFUL CHANGE TO THIS CRISIS IS A COMMON PURPOSE. I
20 COME HERE TODAY TO AFFIRM MAYOR VILLARAIGOSA'S PARTNERSHIP
21 WITH THE COUNTY AND HIS COMMITMENT TO INCREASING THE
22 AVAILABILITY OF PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING FOR THE HOMELESS.
23 PROJECT 50 BEGAN ABOUT A YEAR AGO. AND I WANTED TO SHARE WITH
24 YOU A FEW OF THE LESSONS LEARNED. BY IDENTIFYING 50 PEOPLE
25 WITH LIFE-THREATENING HEALTH CONDITIONS, MENTAL ILLNESS,



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1 SUBSTANCE ABUSE WHO HAVE LIVED ON THE STREET FOR MORE THAN TWO
2 YEARS, THESE ARE THE FOLKS WHO GO INTO EMERGENCY ROOMS, WHO
3 USE JAILS AS TEMPORARY SHELTERS, WHO SLEEP IN OUR PARKS, AND
4 LIVE IN THE DOORWAYS OF OUR BUSINESSES. WHAT WE LEARNED WITH
5 PROJECT 50 IS THAT THE COST OF MAINTAINING CHRONICALLY
6 HOMELESS PEOPLE ON THE STREET, USING HOSPITALS AND JAILS AS
7 SHELTERS, IS ROUGHLY EQUIVALENT TO THE COST OF PROVIDING
8 HOUSING WITH SUPPORTIVE SERVICES. PROJECT 50 MOVES US TOWARDS
9 A HOUSING-FIRST MODEL. ACROSS THE COUNTRY, CITIES THAT ARE
10 SUCCESSFULLY REDUCING CHRONICALLY HOMELESS HAVE FOUND THAT
11 HOUSING FIRST IS FAR MORE EFFECTIVE THAN THE SHELTER-FIRST
12 MODEL WE'VE BEEN USING. PROJECT 50 TRACKS OUTCOMES. PROJECT 50
13 STARTS WITH THE STREET OUTREACH AND A REGISTRY DETAILED
14 QUESTIONNAIRE OF EACH PERSON ON THE STREET, IT CREATES HEALTH
15 AND HOUSING HISTORY OF EACH PERSON THAT ENABLES US TO MATCH
16 SERVICES TO THE PERSON AND IMPORTANTLY, IT IS A SYSTEM THAT
17 TRACKS COSTS AND MEASURES RESULTS.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** CAN YOU WRAP IT UP, PLEASE?

20

21 **HELMI HISSERICH:** YES. I JUST HAVE A FEW MORE THINGS TO SAY.
22 PROJECT 50 IS A MODEL THAT CAN BE STREAMLINED AND DUPLICATED.
23 LAST WEEK, I MET WITH A GROUP OF COMMUNITY LEADERS IN LEMERK
24 PARK WHO WANTED TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO HOUSE CHRONICALLY
25 HOMELESS PEOPLE LIVING IN LEMERK PARK. WHY NOT PROJECT 20



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1 THERE? IN HOLLYWOOD, THE SAME THING. PROJECT 50 COULD HAPPEN
2 IN HOLLYWOOD WHERE THE BID IS TRYING TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO
3 HOUSE CHRONICALLY HOMELESS ON THE STREETS OF HOLLYWOOD. WE
4 COULD WORK TOGETHER IN SAN PEDRO, WHERE CHRONIC HOMELESSNESS
5 AND IN WILMINGTON, ANYWHERE WHERE THERE'S A CONCENTRATED
6 COMMUNITY OF HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE BEEN ON THE STREETS
7 FOR LONG-TERM. AND, OF COURSE, WE CAN CONTINUE IN SKID ROW.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU.

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11 **HELMI HISSERICH:** CAN I SAY ONE MORE THING? (LAUGHTER).

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY.

14

15 **HELMI HISSERICH:** I JUST WANT TO COMMENT THAT WE HAVE 2,200
16 UNITS OF PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING COMMITTED TO BY THE
17 MAYOR. WE HAVE OVER 700 UNITS OF PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING
18 IN THE PIPELINE. AND THE PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE COUNTY AND
19 THE CITY PUTTING SERVICES WITH THE HOUSING THAT WE ARE
20 CREATING IS THE MOST IMPORTANT THING WE CAN DO TO END
21 HOMELESSNESS. THANK YOU.

22

23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. OKAY. THE ITEM IS BEFORE US
24 AS AMENDED BY MR. YAROSLAVSKY. IS THERE ANY OTHER QUESTIONS?

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WITH YOUR PERMISSION, MR. CHAIRMAN.

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3 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS.

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5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WITH YOUR PERMISSION, MR. CHAIRMAN, I
6 THINK I FEEL LIKE THIS IS A HUGE IMPORTANT ISSUE THAT ALL OF
7 US, TO ONE DEGREE OR ANOTHER, HAVE CONCERN ABOUT. AND IT'S NO
8 WAY THAT IT CAN BE DENIED THAT THIS PILOT PROJECT HAS GOTTEN
9 THE ATTENTION OF THE INDIVIDUALS THAT HAVE BEEN REFERENCED BY
10 THE COLLABORATORS, THE DESIGNERS AND THE ARCHITECTS OF THE
11 PROGRAM, APPROPRIATE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT IS TO BE GIVEN TO THE
12 BOARD FOR AUTHORIZING IT. AND A YEAR AND A HALF AGO,
13 APPROXIMATELY, I WENT TO A RECENT REPORT EARLY ON WHEN I
14 ARRIVED HERE TO GET A SENSE OF THIS PROJECT AS IT WAS BEING
15 PRESENTED TO A LARGE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO HAVE INTEREST IN THE
16 MATTER OF HOMELESSNESS, HAVE INTEREST IN THE MATTER OF THOSE
17 WHO ARE FACED WITH MENTAL HEALTH CHALLENGES, LOOKING AT
18 COLLABORATION AMONG THE VARIOUS RESPECTIVE DEPARTMENTS TO GET
19 A SENSE OF THIS. MEMBERS OF THE BOARD TODAY, FROM MR.
20 ANTONOVICH TO MR. KNABE AND MS. MOLINA, HAVE ALL RAISED
21 QUESTIONS. MR. YAROSLAVSKY HAS CHOSEN TO ADDRESS THEM IN PART,
22 CERTAINLY THE C.E.O.'S STAFF, MR. SANTANA, HAS MADE AN EFFORT
23 TO CLARIFY THE ISSUES. I DO BELIEVE THAT WE ARE AT A POINT IN
24 TIME WHERE WE NEED TO BE MORE ASSERTIVE, MORE AGGRESSIVE ABOUT
25 THE ISSUE OF HOMELESS, MORE IMAGINATIVE, MORE CREATIVE, MORE



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1 INCLUSIVE. BUT I HASTEN TO MAKE THE COMMENT THAT I THINK THIS
2 HAS COUNTY-WIDE IMPLICATIONS. AND SO I WANT TO OFFER A MOTION
3 THAT I TRUST IS VIEWED AS AN EFFORT TO SUPPORT THIS OVERALL
4 CONCEPT. I MAKE NO CLAIM ABOUT THE CRITIQUE OF PROJECT 50 AT
5 THIS POINT, BUT I DO THINK THE C.E.O.'S RECOMMENDATIONS OF
6 FIRST FOUR SHOULD BE ADOPTED. AND I ALSO BELIEVE THAT MOVING
7 FROM PROJECT 50 TO PROJECT 500 SHOULD TAKE UP SOME OF THE
8 CONCERNS THAT THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD HAVE RAISED IN TERMS OF
9 SOME OF THE STAFFING ISSUES AND THE OTHER COSTS NECESSARY TO
10 EXPAND THIS PROGRAM, MATTERS RELATED TO COST ANALYSIS. NOT TO
11 DELAY THE NOTION OF HOW WE MAY IMPLEMENT THIS, BUT WE DO HAVE
12 A RESPONSIBILITY TO TALK ABOUT THE MATTER OF HOW WE PRIORITIZE
13 THE MATTER. AND FINALLY, SOME OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF HOW
14 THE COUNTY COULD BE MORE STRATEGICALLY, AND IN THE SENSE, IN A
15 MORE TIMELY WAY, MATCH THE PRIORITY HOUSING, THE QUALITY OF
16 THAT HOUSING AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES BETWEEN THE RESPECTIVE
17 COUNTY OR THEN THE SURROUNDING CITIES. THESE RECOMMENDATIONS,
18 OF COURSE, CAN INCLUDE AN EXAMPLE, OR I SHOULD SAY AN EXAMPLE
19 WOULD INCLUDE AN ASSESSMENT AND MAPPING OF THE REGIONAL
20 ASPECTS OF THIS, THE HOUSING SUPPLIES, THE GAPS. THIS IS A
21 TIME FOR A LIFT. AND I THINK PROJECT 50 HAS GIVEN US A BIT OF
22 A ROAD MAP. AND I WOULD HASTEN TO SAY THAT IT DIDN'T REPRESENT
23 ITSELF AS BEING THE PANACEA OR AN EXHAUSTIVE SOLUTION. BUT I
24 THINK IF IT'S WORTH BUILDING ON, AND I BELIEVE IT COULD VERY
25 WELL BE, IT IS WORTH OUR TAKING A STRONG LOOK AT THIS AND



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1 SETTING IT IN THE CONTEXT OF THE CONCERNS THAT ARE MADE IN
2 THIS AMENDING MOTION. AND I WOULD SO MOVE, MR. CHAIRMAN.

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** CAN I MAKE A SUGGESTION?

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6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YES.

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8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IF MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS WOULD ENTERTAIN THAT
9 YOU NOT STRIKE THE LAST TWO RECOMMENDATIONS, SINCE ANYTHING
10 PURSUANT TO THOSE RECOMMENDATIONS WOULD HAVE TO COME BACK TO
11 THE BOARD FOR APPROVAL ANYWAY, AND PROCEED WITH THE
12 RECOMMENDATION TO DO A REPORT BACK IN 60 DAYS. WE ARE ASKING
13 AS PART OF THE MOTION I MADE, COMMENCING AT THE END OF JUNE
14 30TH, AN AUDITOR-CONTROLLER'S REPORT ON THAT. IF YOU'D LIKE TO
15 EXPAND THAT TO A BROADER REPORT, I'D BE CERTAINLY OPEN,
16 WILLING TO INCLUDE THAT OR ACCEPT THAT. BUT I DON'T THINK IT'S
17 A GOOD IDEA NOT TO MOVE FORWARD CONCEPTUALLY. ANYTHING
18 IMPLEMENTING THAT CONCEPT WOULD HAVE TO COME BACK ANYWAY,
19 YOU'D HAVE YOUR CRACK AT IT. AND SO I WOULD RESPECTFULLY -- I
20 DON'T THINK IT'S SENDING A GOOD MESSAGE NOT TO APPROVE THE
21 EXPANSION IN CONCEPT, WHICH IS ALL WE'RE DOING HERE. SO I
22 WOULD, JUST TO REPEAT --

23

24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MR. CHAIRMAN, I THINK THE THRUST OF THE
25 CONCERNS THAT HAVE BEEN RAISED HAVE IN PART BEEN FINANCIAL,



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1 FISCAL, AS I'VE HEARD AT LEAST TWO OF THE OTHER BOARD MEMBERS
2 RAISE, AND I GET THAT. I THINK WE CAN FIGURE THAT OUT AND FIND
3 OURSELVES ON FIRMER FOOTING RATHER, THAN BEING TENTATIVE OR
4 SENSING THAT IT IS A TENUOUS PLACE TO LAND AT THIS MOMENT. I
5 DON'T KNOW THAT THERE IS A SUBSTANTIAL CRITIQUE, CERTAINLY NOT
6 A REBUKE OF THIS CONCEPTUALLY. BUT THE READINESS THAT I THINK
7 WE OUGHT TO HAVE TO LIFT AND TO PUSH FORWARD DOESN'T SEEM TO
8 HAVE MATERIALIZED AT THIS POINT. AND SO THIS IS ESSENTIALLY TO
9 SAY CONCEPTUALLY, THIS MAY MAKE A WHOLE LOT OF SENSE
10 OPERATIONALLY. IT WOULD SEEM THAT THERE ARE SOME QUESTIONS YET
11 TO BE ANSWERED. THUS THE STRUCTURE OF THE AMENDMENT, NOT TO
12 GUT PROJECT 50, BUT IF WE'RE GOING TO PUSH TO 10 TIMES THAT
13 SIZE, WHICH IS OBVIOUSLY IN SOME PEOPLE'S MIND, MINE INCLUDED,
14 RATHER MODEST GIVEN THE GRAVITY OF THE PROBLEM OR THE
15 CHALLENGES RELATING TO HOMELESSNESS, IT WOULD SEEM TO BE
16 CERTAINLY PRUDENT TO MOVE IN THE DIRECTION AS AMENDED. AND
17 IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING AND PERHAPS STAFF CAN ADDRESS THIS, THIS
18 DOESN'T DELAY, THIS DOESN'T DISRUPT IN ANY MATERIAL WAY
19 EXISTING PROGRAMS. THIS IS ESSENTIALLY SAYING THE EXPANSION OF
20 SUCH WARRANTS A MORE SUBSTANTIVE SUPPORT AT THIS POINT IN
21 TIME, MR. CHAIRMAN AND COLLEAGUES.

22

23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. THE ONE THING I WANT TO MAKE SURE,
24 THOUGH, THAT YOUR AMENDMENT DOES NOT ELIMINATE. SUPERVISOR
25 YAROSLAVSKY AMENDED HIS MOTION TO, YOU KNOW, AT THE END OF



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1 JUNE 30TH, TO ASK THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER FOR SOME FINANCIAL
2 INFORMATION COMING BACK ON HIS MOTION.

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4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** RIGHT.

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6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** AS WELL.

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8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** IT DOES NOT.

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10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THAT I DON'T WANT THIS TO SUPERSEDE
11 THAT.

12

13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** IT DOESN'T. IT'S EASILY INCLUSIVE OF THAT.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** BECAUSE I SUPPORT ZEV'S AMENDMENT.

16

17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** YES, I'M AWARE OF IT. AND THIS DOES NOT
18 MILITATE AGAINST THAT AT ALL. THAT DATA WOULD STILL BE
19 FORTHCOMING AS I INTERPRETED THAT TO BE THE THRUST OF YOUR
20 REMARKS.

21

22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THE INFORMATION HE'S ASKED FOR NOW WITH
23 THAT AMENDMENT, OBVIOUSLY IS CRITICAL TO THE EXPANSION PIECE,
24 BECAUSE IT ALL HAS TO COME BACK THIS WAY.

25



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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** CORRECT.

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3 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WE DON'T HAVE THAT IN WRITING, BUT MAYBE
4 YOU CAN READ IT BACK, THE AMENDMENT THAT ZEV ADDED.

5

6 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON THE AMENDMENT FOR THE MAIN MOTION,
7 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY ADDED THAT ALL PROJECTS UNDER PROJECT
8 500 MUST RETURN TO THE BOARD FOR APPROVAL AND ALSO INSTRUCT
9 THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER AFTER JUNE 30TH TO CONDUCT A COST
10 ANALYSIS OF PROJECT 50 UP THROUGH THAT DATE.

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN, I WOULD ASK FOR A "NO" VOTE ON
13 MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS'S AMENDMENT IF THERE'S NOT GOING TO BE ANY
14 ATTENTION TO THE ISSUE I RAISED. WE HAVE SEVERAL, WHAT IS IT,
15 200 TO 300 INDIVIDUALS READY TO -- OR SLOTS READY TO GO. WE'RE
16 GOING TO BRING THEM TO THE BOARD. I THINK THE BOARD'S GOING TO
17 APPROVE THEM, JUST LIKE WE APPROVED ALL THE PROJECTS THAT ARE
18 BEING FUNDED UNDER DISTRICT-SPECIFIC HOMELESS INITIATIVE
19 FUNDS. SO WE'RE MORE THAN HALFWAY THERE. WHETHER WE GO BEYOND
20 THAT WILL BE DETERMINED BY THIS BOARD, WHETHER WE GO BEYOND
21 THAT WILL BE DETERMINED BY WHAT KIND OF INFORMATION IS
22 GATHERED. I JUST DON'T THINK IT IS -- THIS IS ESSENTIALLY AN
23 ENDORSEMENT OF THE CONCEPT. I THINK WE HAVE ENOUGH INFORMATION
24 TO KNOW THAT THE CONCEPT IS WORTH ENDORSING. IT'S NOT THE ONLY
25 THING THAT'S WORTH ENDORSING. IT'S A TOOL IN THE TOOL KIT, AS



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1 I SAID EARLIER. NOT TO PROCEED ALONG THOSE LINES WITH THE
2 PROVISOS THAT IT WOULD HAVE TO COME BACK TO THE BOARD FOR ANY
3 SPECIFIC APPROVAL I THINK IS A REBUKE OF THE PROJECT, AND I
4 DON'T THINK YOU WANT TO DO THAT. I DON'T THINK THE BOARD WANTS
5 TO DO THAT, SO IT'S APPROVE IT IN CONCEPT KNOWING THAT IT'S
6 GOING TO COME BACK, MR. CHAIRMAN, KNOWING THAT THERE'S GOING
7 TO BE A FINANCIAL REVIEW, WHICH THERE OUGHT TO BE, AND WE'LL
8 DEAL WITH IT AT THAT POINT. BUT I DON'T THINK THAT STRIKING
9 THE C.E.O.'S RECOMMENDATIONS, THE LAST TWO RECOMMENDATIONS,
10 ARE SENDING A MESSAGE THAT THE BOARD WANTS TO SEND. MAYBE I
11 WOULD JUST LEAVE IT AT THAT. I WOULD ASK MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS TO
12 ONCE AGAIN CONSIDER MY SUGGESTION.

13

14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** GLAD TO CONSIDER IT, MR. YAROSLAVSKY. I
15 THINK THERE'S A SENSE THAT WHAT YOU SAY IS A CONCEPTUAL
16 EMBRACE ALONE MIGHT BE READ OTHERWISE. AND IF IT IS NOT
17 SUFFICIENTLY OR FULLY ENOUGH APPRECIATED, THAT THIS AMENDMENT
18 IS NOT A REBUKE OF THE CONCEPT AS SUCH. YOU SEEM TO SUGGEST
19 THAT IT IS. AS THE MAKER OF THE MOTION, I'M SIMPLY SAYING THAT
20 IS NOT THE INTENT OR THE OBJECTIVE. IF THAT WERE THE CASE, IT
21 WOULD BE A DIFFERENT KIND OF MOTION.

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WOULD IT HELP --

24



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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** PERMIT ME TO FINISH, IF YOU WOULD. AND SO
2 I JUST REALLY WOULD SAY THAT WHICH IS BEING REQUESTED HERE
3 COULD GET US TO A PRETTY SUBSTANTIAL PLACE IN DUE SEASON. AND
4 I WOULD TRUST THAT IT WOULD BE INTERPRETED AS IT IS INTENDED.

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6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WOULD IT HELP IF THE WORD "CONCEPTUAL" WERE
7 INSERTED INTO THE C.A.O.'S REPORT?

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9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I DON'T KNOW IF THAT WOULD HELP. IT SEEMS
10 TO MOVE BEYOND CONCEPTUALIZATION. AND I THINK, IN ALL CANDOR
11 WHAT YOU'RE HEARING FROM THE BALANCE OF THE BOARD IS IT'S
12 MOVING TO OPERATIONALIZATION. AND THERE IS A SENSE IN WHICH WE
13 NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT AS WE PRIORITIZE, THIS IS WHERE WE WANT
14 TO BE. I FEEL THAT THAT COULD VERY WELL BE THE CASE. BUT AS TO
15 WHETHER IT IS THE CASE NOW, ABSENT THE INFORMATION THAT HAS
16 BEEN REQUESTED IN THE AMENDING MOTION IS ANOTHER MATTER
17 ALTOGETHER.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I COULD CLARIFY. I GUESS I HAVE THE SAME
20 CONCERN THAT YOU HAVE, EXCEPT THAT I THOUGHT THAT HIS
21 AMENDMENT, BECAUSE THAT'S THE QUESTION I ASKED ABOUT
22 OPERATIONALLY MOVING FORWARD, THAT THESE THINGS HAVE TO COME
23 BACK TO THE BOARD BEFORE WE MOVE FORWARD WITH ANYTHING. AND I
24 FELT THAT THAT AMENDMENT ADDRESSED THAT. IF I'M WRONG ON THAT
25 --



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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE HERE IF THAT DURING THIS
3 TIME WE DO THESE TWO THINGS? THEY'RE NOT HARD THINGS, AND WE
4 DON'T KNOW THESE THINGS YET. SO THIS EQUALLY IS --

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6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I MEAN, I'M JUST TRYING TO GET A
7 CLARIFICATION HERE. YOU SAY THE ORIGINAL MOTION SAID THE FIRST
8 SIX RECOMMENDATIONS. NOW IT SAYS FOUR, ONE THROUGH FOUR, I
9 ASSUME. FIVE AND SIX, THAT HAS TO COME BACK TO THE BOARD

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA:** BUT THE POINT IS --

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** UNDER THE AMENDMENT BY MR. YAROSLOAVSKY.

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA:** AGAIN, I'M TRYING TO UNDERSTAND MYSELF. WHILE
16 THIS ALL CAN WORK TOGETHER, THERE IS, WHAT I SEE IN THIS IS
17 GETTING THE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION THAT WE NEED. ONE, I RAISED
18 THE ISSUE THERE'S OTHERS WAY TO GET TO OUTCOMES. OKAY? THERE
19 IS VALUE IN THAT, AND I THINK THIS MERITS SOME REVIEW. AND WE
20 DON'T HAVE, AND MANY OF THE INFORMATION THAT WAS PRESENTED TO
21 ME WHEN THIS WAS PRESENTED, IF COST WAS TO BE DETERMINED, AND
22 THAT IS CUMBERSOME IN LIGHT OF WHAT WE'RE FACING IN THE NEXT
23 TWO WEEKS TO THE NEXT EIGHT WEEKS. I DON'T KNOW EXACTLY WHERE
24 WE'RE GOING TO GO. BECAUSE WE DO KNOW THAT SERVICES ARE GOING
25 TO BE CUT LIKE CRAZY, PARTICULARLY WHEN IT COMES TO SOCIAL



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1 SERVICES. NOW, THE DESIGNATION OF MENTAL HEALTH, I APPRECIATE
2 MIGUEL, WHAT YOU'RE SAYING, I CAN'T HANDLE IT, LET MENTAL
3 HEALTH HANDLE IT. I NEED TO TALK TO MARV ABOUT THIS BECAUSE I
4 AM CONCERNED ABOUT IT. I DON T WANT YOU NECESSARILY TO HANDLE
5 IT, BUT I'M CONCERNED ABOUT DESIGNATION OF MENTAL HEALTH IN
6 THIS. I'M JUST CONCERNED. AND THAT'S MY ONLY ISSUE WITH THAT.
7 SO THERE IS OPPORTUNITY. I MEAN, LIKE NOTHING'S GOING TO
8 HAPPEN IN THE NEXT 60 DAYS THAT WE KNOW OF. WE CAN BE
9 GATHERING THIS INFORMATION AT THE SAME TIME. AND I WOULD LOVE
10 TO WITHHOLD ON NO. 5 ONLY BECAUSE I HAVE A SPECIAL CONCERN
11 ABOUT MENTAL HEALTH. AND I THINK, MARV, YOU AND I NEED TO
12 DISCUSS ABOUT SOME STATE RESPONSIBILITY HERE AND WHAT COST IS
13 ASSOCIATED WITH YOU PUTTING YOU IN THIS. THAT'S MY HESITATION
14 THERE, AND THAT MAYBE COULD COME BACK TO US IN 20 OR 30 DAYS.
15 I DON'T KNOW. I JUST WOULD LIKE TO HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO
16 DISCUSS IT. AND I APPRECIATE YOU NOT WANTING TO HAVE TO HANDLE
17 THIS ANY FURTHER BECAUSE IT'S A BIG TASK, AND IT'S GOING TO BE
18 A BIG TASK FOR MENTAL HEALTH AS WELL, EVEN WITH ALL THEIR
19 RESOURCES. BUT I DON'T SEE ANY PROBLEM WITH DEFERRING THE
20 OTHERS AND GETTING THIS INFORMATION. WE DO NOT KNOW WHAT'S
21 GOING TO HAPPEN TO US AT ALL LEVEL OF SOCIAL SERVICES. IN THE
22 ANNOUNCEMENT THAT THE GOVERNOR JUST MADE, WHAT, A COUPLE OF
23 HOURS AGO, WE'RE TALKING ABOUT DISMANTLING CALWORKS, WHICH IS
24 THE MOST HELPFUL PROGRAM THERE IS, TO ELIMINATE WELFARE BY
25 GETTING THESE PEOPLE TO JOBS AND SO ON. AND NOW IT'S



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1 DISMANTLING IT, THAT'S HUGE, AND YET WITH ALL THE SAVINGS THAT
2 DEVISE FROM ALL OF THOSE CUT-BACKS IS A MERE \$5 BILLION. HE'S
3 I THINK GOT ABOUT 19 BILLION MORE TO GO. SO I THINK THERE IS
4 DANGER IN ALL OF A SUDDEN SAYING EXPAND IN THIS AREA WHEN WE
5 DON'T KNOW WHAT'S HAPPENING TO US IN THE NEXT COUPLE OF WEEKS.
6 MY ONLY RESERVATION. SO IT DOESN'T HURT TO GATHER UP THIS
7 INFORMATION TO PUT SOME DOLLAR SIGNS NEXT TO IT. I THINK IT'S
8 A GOOD MIDDLE GROUND.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WELL, I THINK IF YOU WANT TO DEAL WITH 5
11 AS FAR AS THE LEAD AGENCY, NOT ACT ON THAT, THAT'S ONE ISSUE.
12 ITEM 6, TO ME, IS PART OF THE GATHERING OF FINANCIAL
13 INFORMATION. I MEAN, I DON'T KNOW WHY YOU DO NOT WANT TO DO
14 ITEM NO. 6.

15

16 **SUP. MOLINA:** YOU COULD INCORPORATE THAT.

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I WILL -- GLORIA? IF THE MENTAL HEALTH ITEM
19 IS THE ISSUE THAT YOU WANT TO ADDRESS, MENTAL HEALTH WAS THE
20 ISSUE YOU WANT TO ADDRESS, THEN I WOULD PULL THAT OUT, ASK
21 THAT YOU COME BACK IN 30 DAYS OR WHATEVER IS APPROPRIATE. AND
22 I'D ASK THAT WE APPROVE MY MOTION OTHERWISE, AS IT WAS
23 PROPOSED, INCLUDING THE AMENDMENTS AND THE COST. EVERY ONE OF
24 THESE PROJECTS, SUPERVISOR MOLINA, WILL COME BACK, EVEN THE



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1 ONES FUNDED OUT OF MY DISCRETIONARY HOMELESS DISTRICT FUNDS
2 WILL HAVE TO COME BACK FOR APPROVAL.

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA:** YOU DO NOT HAVE DISCRETIONARY FUNDS, WE MIGHT
5 FIND OUT IN THE NEXT SIX WEEKS.

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THAT APPLIES TO ALL OF US, IT APPLIES TO ALL
8 THE PROGRAMS. BUT WE CAN DEAL WITH THAT AT THAT POINT IN TIME.

9

10 **SUP. MOLINA:** WELL, I UNDERSTAND. THAT'S WHY I THINK THERE WAS
11 A COMPROMISE.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THAT'S WHY YOU DEFINITELY HAVE TO DO NO.
14 6.

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I AGREE, AND I DON'T HAVE A PROBLEM WITH
17 REMOVING NO. 5.

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA:** NO, AND I APPRECIATE THAT, THANK YOU. BUT AS A
20 COMPROMISE, AND I WAS JUST TALKING TO SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-
21 THOMAS, THAT WHY NOT ALLOW 6 TO PROCEED AS LONG AS WE'RE
22 GETTING ALL OF THIS INFORMATION AT THE SAME TIME. I DON'T
23 THINK THERE'S A HARM IN THAT. THIS IS BASIC FACT FINDING,
24 GATHERING INFORMATION THAT WE NEED TO KNOW. HAVING ALL OF IT
25 TOGETHER, YOU KNOW, IN THE NEXT --



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ALLOWING 6 TO PROCEED?

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA:** AS LONG AS WE ARE DOING HIS MOTION, A AND B,
5 WHICH IS GATHERING. I THINK IT WORKS.

6

7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THAT'S FINE.

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHAT ARE WE TALKING ABOUT? 6 IS IN THE
10 C.E.O.'S REPORT. A AND B --

11

12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ITEM 6 ON YOUR MOTION.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ITEM 6 ON YOUR MOTION. THAT'S WHAT I
15 DON'T UNDERSTAND. THE AMENDMENT SAYS 4 OF THE 6
16 RECOMMENDATIONS. I UNDERSTAND 5, IF THERE'S AN ISSUE ABOUT
17 MENTAL HEALTH. WE MAY JUST COME BACK A SEPARATE REPORT ON
18 THAT, BUT WE SHOULD PROCEED ON 6 BECAUSE THAT'S A BASIC.

19

20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** SO 1 THROUGH 4 PLUS 6 AND A AND B OF THE
21 AMENDING MOTION.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT DOESN'T 6 EXPAND?

24

25 **SUP. MOLINA:** RIGHT NOW IT SAYS TO IDENTIFY.



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1

2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** IDENTIFY.

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4 **SUP. MOLINA:** IT DOESN'T JUST SAY EXPAND, UNLESS WE'RE READING
5 IT DIFFERENTLY.

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IT SAYS DIRECT C.E.O. TO WORK WITH
8 DEPARTMENTS TO IDENTIFY FEASIBLE OPPORTUNITIES.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** TO USE THEIR EXISTING -- TO IMPLEMENT THE
11 PROJECT. AND THE QUESTION WAS, HOW DOES THAT IMPACT THEIR CORE
12 RESPONSIBILITIES THAT THEY ARE ALREADY DOING?

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THAT'S WHAT THEY'RE GOING TO HAVE TO
15 IDENTIFY.

16

17 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** WE'LL JUST IDENTIFY THE FEASIBLE --

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO WE'RE NOT DIRECTING, WE'RE JUST REQUESTING
20 YOU TO DO THAT TO GIVE US INFORMATION AS TO WHAT WOULD HAPPEN
21 IF IT WAS DIRECTED.

22

23 **SUP. MOLINA:** THAT'S THE WAY I READ IT.

24

25 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THAT'S FINE.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL RIGHT. SO WE'RE TALKING ABOUT ITEMS 1
3 THROUGH 4 AND 6 ON MY MOTION?

4

5 **SUP. MOLINA:** YES, SIR.

6

7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** 1 THROUGH 4, PLUS 6 AND CHANGING DIRECT TO
8 REQUEST.

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND THE OTHER ITEMS THAT I PUT IN MY MOTION,
11 THE FINANCIAL AND THE OTHER TWO ITEMS.

12

13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** EXACTLY.

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA:** I DON'T HAVE THE OTHER MOTIONS.

16

17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THEY WERE SUPPOSED TO BE READ BACK.

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I THINK SHE DID. DO YOU WANT TO -- FINANCIAL
20 REPORT BACK.

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA:** YEAH.

23

24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** AND THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER AT THE END OF
25 JUNE 30TH.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO YOU'RE GOING TO, ON THAT BASIS, WITHDRAW
3 YOUR MOTION?

4

5 **SUP. MOLINA:** WAIT A MINUTE. HE'S NOT WITHDRAWING IT.

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THAT'S WHAT I'M ASKING.

8

9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** NO. THE ISSUE IS A AND B PLUS 1 THROUGH 4,
10 WE'RE STRIKING 5, WE'RE ADDING 6, THE WORD "DIRECT" AT THE
11 BEGINNING OF THE 6TH IN YOUR MOTION, MR. YAROSLAVSKY, SHOULD
12 SAY "REQUEST PURSUANT TO THE COMMENTS OF MR. ANTONOVICH."

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'M NOT FOLLOWING YOU. WHERE DOES YOUR
15 MOTION FIT IN?

16

17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THE EXTENT OF WHAT WE DO THEN IS ITEMS A
18 AND B STILL REMAIN. THEY WOULD HAPPEN COTERMINOUSLY. THAT IS,
19 AS THEY LOOK AT ITEMS NO. 6 ON YOUR MOTION, THE REQUEST TO
20 WORK WITH THE DEPARTMENTS, THAT WOULD PROCEED ALONG WITH THE
21 ITEMS LISTED IN A AND B OF MY MOTION.

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHERE WOULD ITEM A AND B OF YOUR MOTION BE?

24



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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** IT WOULD JUST BE HAPPENING SIMULTANEOUSLY.
2 SO IN OTHER WORDS, THE WORK TO IDENTIFY THE FEASIBILITY FOR
3 THE -- IN OTHER WORDS, NO. 6, NO. 6.

4

5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO IT WOULD BE ADOPT -- ITEM 1 OF MY MOTION,
6 IT WOULD BE ADOPT ITEMS 1 THROUGH 4 AND 6.

7

8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AND 6.

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OF THE C.E.O.'S REPORT. AND THEN ITEM 2
11 WOULD BE SUBJECT TO THE AMENDMENTS THAT I MADE EARLIER,
12 SUBJECT TO THE REPORT, THE FINANCIAL REPORT, AND SUBJECT TO
13 EACH INDIVIDUAL PROJECT COMING BACK TO THE BOARD.

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** YES, PURSUANT TO MR. KNABE'S COMMENTS
16 ABOUT THE FINANCIAL. AND ALL THAT'S FINE WITH ME.

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THAT'S ALL IN THE AMENDED MOTION.

19

20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** IN YOURS.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YES.

23

24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** YES AND THE ADDITIONAL PIECES OF 2-A AND B
25 AND THE AMENDING MOTION.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WELL, A WOULD BE SOMEWHAT IN CONFLICT WITH
3 2.

4

5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** NO, I DON'T THINK SO. THIS IS HAPPENING
6 COTERMINOUSLY.

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** LET ME JUST READ IT. ALL RIGHT. A IS FINE. B
9 IS A MORE GLOBAL THING, AND

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA:** I'M BIG ON B.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WELL, THAT'S GOOD. I'M BIG ON B TOO. BUT B
14 IS NOT GOING TO BE DONE IN 60 DAYS.

15

16 **SUP. MOLINA:** I THINK IT CAN BE.

17

18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WE'RE ASKING THAT IT BE DONE IN 60 DAYS,
19 AND IF DOESN'T, THEN WE'LL --

20

21 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND IF THEY CAN'T, THERE'S A LOT OF TIME WITH
22 EXCEPTIONS. JUST BECAUSE THEY CAN'T DO IT DOESN'T MEAN THEY
23 SHOULDN'T BE ASKED.

24



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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** SO THAT WOULD BE MY MOTION, MR. CHAIR, IN
2 TANDEM WITH THE OTHER.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO WE'VE GOT THIS THING ALL MESHED
5 TOGETHER, RIGHT?

6

7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I THINK SO. (OFF-MIKE CONVERSATIONS)

8

9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THAT INCLUDES, INSTEAD OF FOUR
10 RECOMMENDATIONS, 5 OF THE 6 RECOMMENDATIONS, WHICH IS 1
11 THROUGH 4 AND ITEM NO. 6. AND THEN YOUR 2-A AND 2-B.

12

13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** CORRECT.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT 6 IS TO REPORT BACK.

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NO, NO. I'M SORRY. I'M RESPONDING TO MY
18 STAFF. I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT 1 AND 2 IN MY MOTION ARE
19 STILL WITH THE ONE PROVISO THAT RECOMMENDATION 5 IS OUT, IS IN
20 THE MOTION. AND MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS'S MOTION, AS HE JUST
21 DESCRIBED IT 2-A AND B, WOULD BE AN ADDITIONAL AMENDMENT.

22

23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** 1, 2, 3, 4 AND 6 FROM YOUR MOTION ARE
24 STILL IN.

25



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND THEN ITEM 2 OF MY MOTION IS IN AND
2 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS'S MOTION, A PORTION OF HIS MOTION, 2-
3 A AND B ARE IN. SO YOU'D HAVE A THIRD -- YOU'D HAVE A FOURTH -
4 - YOU'D HAVE A FIFTH RECOMMENDATION.

5

6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THAT'S A GOOD IDEA. MAKE IT 7-A AND B OR
7 SOMETHING LIKE THAT.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND ITEM 6 IS A REQUEST TO REPORT BACK.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THAT'S FINE.

12

13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I THINK WE'RE DEALING WITH DIFFERENT
14 SEQUENCES OF NUMBERS, MR. CHAIR.

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** LET ME JUST GO DOWN AND MARK IT. LET'S WORK
17 OFF OF MY MOTION, SINCE IT'S THE MAIN MOTION. ITEM 1 IS ADOPT
18 THE C.E.O.'S RECOMMENDATIONS 1 THROUGH 4 AND 6, AS STATED IN
19 THE MAY 13, 2009 FEASIBILITY REPORT. 2, AS IT IS NOW WRITTEN,
20 2 WOULD REMAIN THE SAME. 3 WOULD BE THAT EACH --

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA:** WAIT, I'VE GOT A DIFFERENT MOTION.

23

24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YOU'VE GOT TO LOOK AT MY MOTION.

25



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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** (OFF-MIKE) .

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3 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** FOLLOW MY MOTION. THE LAST PAGE OF MY
4 MOTION.

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6 **SUP. MOLINA:** OH, THE LAST PAGE.

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'M SORRY FOR THE CONFUSION.

9

10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THERE'S MORE THAN 1 AND 2.

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'M WORKING OFF OF THE 1 AND 2 ON THE LAST
13 PAGE.

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA:** GOT IT.

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO AGAIN, ITEM 1 WOULD BE ADOPT THE C.E.O.'S
18 RECOMMENDATIONS 1 THROUGH 4 AND 6 AS STATED, ET CETERA. ITEM 2
19 WOULD REMAIN THE SAME. ITEM 3 WOULD BE MY AMENDMENT THAT I
20 MADE EARLIER ON EVERY PROJECT WOULD COME -- ANY PROJECT
21 PURSUANT TO THIS WOULD BE RETURN TO THE BOARD FOR APPROVAL.
22 ITEM 4 WOULD BE THE REQUEST OF THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER TO DO A
23 FINANCIAL ASSESSMENT BEGINNING JULY 1ST. AND NOW ITEM 5-A AND
24 B WOULD BE MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS'S.

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** 5-A AND B WOULD BE MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS'S.

2

3 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** A AND B, 2-A AND B THAT IS ON HIS AMENDMENT.

4

5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** APPRECIATE THE CLARIFICATION. THE
6 CLARIFICATION IS VERY IMPORTANT. THERE ARE SEVERAL 1S AND 2S
7 AND SO FORTH. LET ME COMPLETE THE THOUGHT.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** BUT WE'RE CHANGING THEM TO 5.

10

11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU'RE SAYING, BUT I
12 WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT IF WE DO NO. 2, IT DIRECTS THE CHIEF
13 EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND THE APPROPRIATE COUNTY DEPARTMENTS TO
14 EXPAND THE PROJECT. THIS IS VERY AFFIRMATIVE AND EXPLICIT AND
15 THAT'S INCONSISTENT WITH WHAT HAS BEEN DISCUSSED. AND SO IF
16 YOU LOOK AT MY -- HOLD ON FOR A MOMENT, PLEASE, MR. CHAIRMAN,
17 I JUST WANT TO CLARIFY, IF I CAN.

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA:** WE WERE OPERATING FROM HIS NUMBERS.

20

21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I UNDERSTAND. I'M NOT CONFUSED.

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I WILL TRY TO ADDRESS THAT ISSUE. I AGREE --

24

25 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN?



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I KNOW WHAT YOU MEAN.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** BUT YOUR 2-A AND B STOPS THE EXPANSION.

5

6 **SUP. MOLINA:** WAIT A MINUTE. I THINK THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT WE'RE
7 TRYING TO DO.

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WE'RE TRYING TO SHUT DOWN THE EXPANSION, I
10 KNOW THAT'S WHAT YOU'RE --

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA:** EXCUSE ME.

13

14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** NO.

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL RIGHT. I HAVE A SUGGESTION.

17

18 **SUP. MOLINA:** WAIT, WAIT. JUST A SECOND.

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I HAVE A SUGGESTION THAT I THINK SOLVES IT.

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA:** WELL, LET ME CLARIFY SOMETHING, BECAUSE I SAID
23 SOMETHING. WHAT I AM TRYING TO DO IS TO GATHER INFORMATION.

24 NOW, UNDER THE C.E.O.'S LETTER TO US, IT SAID THAT THEY WOULD

25 EXPLORE THE RESOURCES THAT WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR SUCH AN



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1 OPPORTUNITY TO EXPAND. I SUPPORT THAT, OKAY? THAT'S WHY WE --
2 BUT I CAN'T SAY YES, EXPAND, WHEN WE DON'T HAVE SOME OF THIS
3 BASIC INFORMATION. I DON'T THINK THAT'S A HARD THING TO DO.

4

5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. SO I HAVE A SUGGESTION. CAN I --

6

7 **SUP. MOLINA:** YES, SURE.

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** -- MAKE A SUGGESTION?

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YEAH, WHY DON'T YOU MAKE A SUGGESTION?

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YEAH. DIRECT THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND
14 APPROPRIATE -- I'M READING FROM NO. 2 ON MY MOTION ON THE LAST
15 PAGE. EVERYBODY KNOW WHICH NO. 2 I'M TALKING ABOUT NOW? DIRECT
16 THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND APPROPRIATE COUNTY DEPARTMENTS
17 TO APPROVE IN CONCEPT THE EXPANSION OF PROJECT 50 PILOT
18 PROJECTS TO SERVE UP TO 500 VULNERABLE CHRONICALLY HOMELESS
19 PERSONS -- BY THE END OF THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR ON JUNE 30TH,
20 2010. APPROVE IN CONCEPT. IT'S NOT DIRECTING THEM TO DO
21 ANYTHING. IT'S DIRECTING THEM TO APPROVE IN CONCEPT. ACTUALLY,
22 WE COULD JUST TAKE OUT THE DIRECT THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
23 AND JUST SAY I MOVE THAT THE COUNTY APPROVE IN CONCEPT -- THAT
24 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS APPROVE IN CONCEPT THE EXPANSION OF
25 PROJECT 50 TO 500.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** PERIOD.

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WELL, WHATEVER. YEAH.

5

6 **SUP. MOLINA:** PERIOD.

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** FINE, BUT IT WOULD HAVE TO EXPLAIN WHAT
9 WE'RE TALKING ABOUT. AT THE END OF THAT SENTENCE, I DON'T
10 THINK IT DOES ANY DAMAGE TO WHAT YOU'RE TRYING TO--

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA:** EXCEPT BY THE END YOU HAVE A TASK, YOU HAVE A
13 TASK FOR THEM TO DO BY NEXT YEAR. I DON'T MIND THE EXPANSION
14 WITH THE IDEA OF GATHERING THE INFORMATION --

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WELL, THE CONCEPT IS TO APPROVE AN EXPANSION
17 OF PROJECT TO THE 500 WITH THE GOAL OF COMPLETING IT BY THE
18 END OF NEXT FISCAL YEAR. THAT'S THE CONCEPT.

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA:** AGAIN, I UNDERSTAND THE CONCEPT. BELIEVE ME, I
21 HAVE TRIED TO UNDERSTAND THE CONCEPT FROM DAY ONE OF THIS
22 PROJECT. AND I'VE BEEN ASKING THE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE
23 OUTCOMES. NOW WE HAVE A BETTER IDEA OF THE OUTCOMES. NOW WE'RE
24 TRYING TO ASK ABOUT THE COST. NOW, THESE ARE NOT HARD THINGS.
25 I THINK THAT, AGAIN, IN ANY OTHER TIME, THESE ARE EXPENSIVE



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1 PROJECTS I KNOW. AND THERE'S COST AVOIDANCE INVOLVED AND I
2 APPLAUD THAT. ALTHOUGH I DO THINK THERE'S A WAY TO GET TO THE
3 SAME COST AVOIDANCE. THAT'S MY POINT OF VIEW. NOW, EXPANSION
4 OF THIS, I'M WILLING TO EXPAND IT, BUT I WANT TO KNOW WHO,
5 WHAT, WHERE, HOW, WHY AND WHEN. MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS'S MOTION
6 GETS ME TO SOME OF THOSE ANSWERS. IF I CAN GET THAT, THEN I
7 CAN BETTER DECIDE. IDENTIFYING RESOURCES IN THE INTERIM I
8 DIDN'T HAVE A PROBLEM WITH. IT'S SAYING I'M EXPANDING IT BY
9 THIS DATE CERTAIN THAT ALL OF THESE 500 PEOPLE ARE GOING TO BE
10 FOUND A HOME.

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BUT GLORIA, THAT'S THE CONCEPT, AND THAT'S
13 WHAT THEY OUGHT TO BE LOOKING AT WHEN THEY GO DO THE ANALYSIS
14 OF THE COSTS AND ALL THE OTHER STUFF. YOU CAN'T JUST HAVE --

15

16 **SUP. MOLINA:** WHEN YOU PUT A DUE DATE, IT'S NOT A CONCEPT, IT'S
17 A PROGRAM.

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BUT THAT'S THE -- BUT THE CONCEPT OF THE
20 PROGRAM IS TO TRY TO DO IT BY THE JUNE 30TH, 2010. IT DOESN'T
21 MEAN IT WILL GET DONE BY THEN. YOU'VE GOT TO HAVE AN END DATE
22 ON IT. YOU HAVE TO HAVE A BOOK END.

23

24 **SUP. MOLINA:** IT'S CALLED 60 DAYS.

25



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NO, NOT ON YOUR REQUEST, BUT ON WHAT THEY
2 ARE GOING TO ANALYZE OVER THE PERIOD OF TIME.

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA:** WELL, WE DO KNOW. I THINK HE OUTLINED IT CLEARLY,
5 IS THAT IN 60 DAYS, WE ARE GOING TO HAVE THE STAFFING AND
6 OTHER COSTS NECESSARY TO EXPAND. THE COST ANALYSIS SHOULD
7 INCLUDE. THESE ARE WHAT HE'S ASKING.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** CHANGE, INSTEAD OF DIRECTING, CHANGE TO
10 APPROVE IN CONCEPT.

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA:** AGREE IN CONCEPT IS FINE, BUT GIVE ME A DUE DATE
13 TO FIND THESE 500 PEOPLE A HOME.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WELL, HOW ABOUT THIS, THEN. THE BOARD OF
16 SUPERVISORS APPROVE IN CONCEPT TO EXPAND PROJECT 50 PILOT
17 PROJECT TO SERVE UP TO 500 VULNERABLE CHRONICALLY HOMELESS
18 PERSONS THROUGHOUT LOS ANGELES COUNTY WITHIN 60 DAYS. YOU WANT
19 60 DAYS, RIGHT?

20

21 **SUP. MOLINA:** THAT'S HOW LONG THEY TELL ME IT'S GOING TO GATHER
22 UP THIS INFORMATION.

23

24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'D ACCEPT THAT.

25



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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** EXECUTIVE OFFICER SHOULD READ WHAT WE
2 HAVE.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YEAH, GOOD LUCK.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IS THERE A PRICE TAG ON THERE?

7

8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THAT'S WHAT WE'RE TRYING TO FIND OUT.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NO, NO. YOU CAN'T APPROVE IN CONCEPT. YOU
11 COULD APPROVE A REQUEST TO SEE WHAT A COST FACTOR WOULD BE IN
12 60 DAYS FOR SUCH A PROJECT.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MIKE, EVERY ONE OF THOSE PROJECTS WOULD HAVE
15 TO COME WAS IN ANY CASE TO THE BOARD FOR APPROVAL.

16

17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** SO IF THAT'S THE CASE, WHAT ARE WE
18 DEBATING? WE'RE TRYING TO DISPOSE OF IT

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THAT'S A GOOD QUESTION.

21

22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THAT'S WHAT I ASKED WHEN WE AMENDED THE
23 ORIGINAL MOTION THAT THEY ALL HAVE TO COME BACK, WE'RE GOING
24 TO HAVE THAT INFORMATION ANYWAY.

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WE WERE AT CONSENSUS UNTIL WE LOOKED AT
2 THE ENUMERATION AND FOUND THAT THERE WAS A DIRECTIVE TO EXPAND
3 THE PROGRAM. WE SOUGHT THEN TO DIAL THAT BACK FOR THE PURPOSES
4 OF ARRIVING AT CONSENSUS. NOW, THE POINT TO REARTICULATE THE
5 END CONCEPT OF THE CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORK IS NOT A BIG DEAL. BUT
6 IF IT IS TO OPERATIONALIZE IT, THAT'S WHERE THERE BECOMES A
7 POINT OF A DIFFERENCE. AND I WOULD HOPE THAT WE COULD STAY ON
8 THE SAME PAGE, MOVE THIS FORWARD, EMBRACE THE NOTION THAT
9 PROJECT 50 HAS MADE AN IMPORTANT STATEMENT AS TO HOW
10 INNOVATION CAN BE WROUGHT. NOT EVERYBODY AGREES WITH THAT AT
11 THE SAME LEVEL, BUT IT'S HARD TO DENY THAT THIS IS AN
12 INITIATIVE WORTHY OF ADVANCEMENT. THE QUESTION NOW IS CAN WE
13 DOT THE IS, CROSS THE TS, DO WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE TO MAKE
14 THIS SOMETHING THE ENTIRETY OF THE BOARD CAN EMBRACE. THAT'S
15 THE THRUST OF THE MOTION AND I THINK THE WAY IN WHICH WE ALL
16 TRIED TO REFINE IT, WILL MAKE IT BETTER ULTIMATELY.

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18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I WOULD, MR. CHAIRMAN, AGREE WITH MS.
19 MOLINA'S SUGGESTION EARLIER TO TAKE OUT THE DATE. LET'S JUST
20 LEAVE IT AT L.A. COUNTY, IN ITEM 2. EXPAND IT TO 500
21 THROUGHOUT LOS ANGELES COUNTY, PERIOD.

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23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** IN CONCEPT.

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25 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IN CONCEPT.



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** TAKE OUT THE DATE OF JUNE 30TH, 2010.

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4 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND THEN WE CAN GET THE OTHER STUFF DONE.

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6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'LL BET WE WILL. AND THEN THE THIRD, POINT
7 THREE WOULD BE THAT ANY INDIVIDUAL PROJECT PURSUANT TO THIS,
8 AND THERE MAY BE ONE OR TWO THAT I BRING IN BEFORE THIS REPORT
9 IS DONE, AND IT'S CONSISTENT WITH WHAT EVERY OTHER DISTRICT
10 HAS DONE ON THE HOMELESS PROJECT, BUT THAT WILL STILL HAVE TO
11 COME TO THE BOARD FOR AN EXPENDITURE. ITEM 4 WOULD BE THE
12 AUDITOR-CONTROLLER'S REPORT. AND ITEM 5-A AND B WOULD BE
13 WHAT'S IN 2-A AND B OF MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS'S AMENDING MOTION. SO
14 IT WOULD ALL BE IN ONE MOTION.

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16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** AND 6 SAYS REQUEST C.E.O. TO REPORT
17 BACK.

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19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** RIGHT.

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21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** CORRECT.

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23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YEAH, OKAY. YEAH. I FORGOT ABOUT 6.

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25 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. YO-YO.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IN ITEM 5, ON THE MENTAL HEALTH, YOU'RE
3 GOING TO GET --

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5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I BEG YOUR PARDON?

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7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** -- A 30-DAY REPORT, RIGHT?

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9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THIS AS AMENDED, AS AMENDED,
10 IN THE SPIRIT OF CONGENIALITY, IS NOW BEFORE US. MOVED AND
11 AMENDED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR
12 RIDLEY-THOMAS AND AMENDED. ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS,
13 CLARIFICATIONS OR DISCUSSION? WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.
14 AND WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD, SACHI, TO YOUR REPORT BACK.

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16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** 36-A.

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18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. 36-A. MR. SACHS. ALL RIGHT.
19 36-A. MR. SACHS. (OFF-MIKE DISCUSSION)

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21 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THANK YOU. JUST VERY CURIOUS DIDN'T YOU JUST
22 HAVE THE CHILDREN'S SERVICES HERE WHEN YOU HAD THE DISCUSSION
23 REGARDING THE DEATHS IN CHILD SERVICES, IN FOSTER CARE AND
24 THERE WAS DISCUSSION AND YOU WERE GOING TO IMPLEMENT A NEW
25 PROGRAM ABOUT SHARING INFORMATION WITHIN THE AGENCY TO MAKE IT



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1 EASIER FOR THE DIFFERENT WORKERS TO PUT TOGETHER A BETTER
2 BACKGROUND OR HAVE ACCESS TO BACKGROUND FOR THE CASES THEY
3 NEEDED. SO I'M JUST WONDERING, IS THIS THE SAME SYSTEM THAT
4 YOU WERE TALKING ABOUT, THEN, TO START UP? OR IS THIS A
5 DIFFERENT SYSTEM THAT'S ALREADY BEEN IN PLACE AND YOU'RE
6 REVISITING IT? I'M JUST A LITTLE --

7

8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WE'RE NOT REVISITING ANYTHING. WE'RE
9 ASKING FOR A REPORT BACK IN 14 DAYS IN REGARDS TO THIS F.C.I.

10

11 **ARNOLD SACHS:** IS THIS THE SYSTEM THAT YOU WERE DISCUSSING --

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13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** NO. WE DIDN'T FORMALIZE ANYTHING ON A
14 REPORT BACK. THIS IS A VERY SPECIFIC REQUEST BY MR. ANTONOVICH
15 AND MR. YAROSLAVSKY.

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17 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THANK YOU.

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19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WITH THAT, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR
20 ANTONOVICH. THE CHAIR WILL SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO
21 ORDERED.

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23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** 35.

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** 35. WE HAVE SOME FOLKS SIGNED UP TO
2 SPEAK ON THIS ITEM. IS THAT CORRECT? LET'S GET THE REGISTRAR-
3 RECORDER OUT HERE. YES. PLEASE PROCEED.

4

5 **DEAN LOGAN:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. DEAN LOGAN,
6 REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK, HERE TODAY TO GIVE YOU A
7 REPORT ON THE BOARD MOTION THAT WAS PASSED ON MARCH 31ST,
8 2009, BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS AND AMENDED BY SUPERVISOR
9 YAROSLAVSKY REGARDING COST OF SPECIAL VACANCY ELECTIONS AND
10 OPTIONS AVAILABLE TO THE BOARD TO REDUCE COSTS, VOTER FATIGUE
11 AND INCREASE VOTER PARTICIPATION. I FILED WITH THE BOARD A
12 WRITTEN REPORT. I'LL TRY TO GO BRIEFLY THROUGH SOME OF THE
13 HIGHLIGHTS OF THAT AND THEN TAKE ANY QUESTIONS. FIRST OF ALL,
14 I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS FOR THIS MOTION. IT'S
15 TIMELY AND ALIGNS WELL WITH THE PRIORITIES OF OUR DEPARTMENT
16 WITH REGARD TO ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATION AND I APPRECIATE THE
17 OPPORTUNITY TO RAISE THE PUBLIC AWARENESS ON THESE PARTICULAR
18 ISSUES. THE FIRST ISSUE ADDRESSED IN THE REPORT IS AN ANALYSIS
19 OF THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH CONDUCTING SPECIAL VACANCY
20 ELECTIONS IN L.A. COUNTY, SPECIFICALLY FOR VACANCIES IN
21 LEGISLATIVE AND CONGRESSIONAL OFFICES. ON PAGE 4 OF THE
22 REPORT, WE PROVIDE A CHART THAT SHOWS THE NUMBER OF SPECIAL
23 VACANCY ELECTIONS THAT HAVE BEEN CONDUCTED IN THE LAST DECADE
24 IN L.A. COUNTY FOR LEGISLATIVE AND CONGRESSIONAL VACANCIES AND
25 ALSO HIGHLIGHTS THE COSTS OF THOSE ELECTIONS. THERE HAVE BEEN



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1 15 TOTAL ELECTIONS AND THAT DOES NOT INCLUDE THOSE THAT HAVE
2 BEEN CONDUCTED IN THIS CURRENT YEAR, WHICH THERE ARE SEVERAL
3 AND MORE TO COME. OF THOSE 10 VACANCIES, FIVE OF THOSE
4 REQUIRED A SPECIAL RUN-OFF ELECTION. IN TOTAL, THE COST OF
5 THOSE ELECTIONS WAS JUST OVER \$11 MILLION, IF YOU FACTOR IN
6 THE ELECTIONS THAT WE'VE CONDUCTED SO FAR AND THIS YEAR FOR
7 VACANCY ELECTIONS, THAT COST GOES UP TO \$12.2 MILLION. OF
8 THAT, THE STATE HAS REIMBURSED L.A. COUNTY APPROXIMATELY \$4.3
9 MILLION, WHICH MEANS THE COUNTY HAS ABSORBED \$7.9 MILLION IN
10 COSTS OF THOSE SPECIAL VACANCY ELECTIONS. THOSE COSTS HAVE
11 BEEN REIMBURSED ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS THROUGH LEGISLATION
12 THAT AUTHORIZED THE STATE TO REIMBURSE THE COUNTY AT A RATE
13 THAT WAS ESTABLISHED BACK IN 1993, WHICH IS A PER VOTER RATE
14 OF \$1.37 PER VOTER IN A STAND ALONE ELECTION OR 66 CENTS PER
15 VOTER IN THE CASE OF A VACANCY ELECTION THAT WAS CONSOLIDATED
16 WITH ANOTHER SPECIAL ELECTION. THE MOTION ASKED FOR US, BEYOND
17 THAT ANALYSIS OF THOSE COSTS, TO IDENTIFY EFFORTS BEING MADE
18 BY OUR DEPARTMENT AND OTHER JURISDICTIONS TO MAKE ELECTIONS
19 MORE COST EFFECTIVE AND TO INCREASE PARTICIPATION, AND ALSO TO
20 ADDRESS METHODS OF ENCOURAGING VOTER PARTICIPATION AND
21 TURNOUT, BOTH WITHIN OUR JURISDICTION AND IN OTHERS. THOSE
22 ITEMS ARE DETAILED IN THE WRITTEN REPORT. WE HAVE IMPLEMENTED
23 A NUMBER OF AUTOMATION INITIATIVES OVER THE PAST DECADE THAT
24 REALLY HAVE SERVED AS A COST AVOIDANCE OR COST INCREASE
25 AVOIDANCE AS THE ELECTIONS PROCESS HAS BECOME MORE REGULATED



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1 AND MORE COMPLICATED IN ORDER TO KEEP THE COSTS FROM GOING UP
2 EVEN MORE THAN THEY ALREADY ARE. WE HAVE IMPLEMENTED A NUMBER
3 OF AUTOMATION METHODS THAT HAVE REDUCED THE AMOUNT OF POSTAGE
4 THAT WE'RE CHARGED FOR VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOTS AND ALSO TO
5 INCREASE THE RATE AT WHICH WE'RE ABLE TO PROCESS VOTE-BY-MAIL
6 BALLOTS AND OTHER EFFICIENCY MECHANISMS OF THAT SORT. WE ALSO
7 HAVE AN ACTIVE COMMUNITY VOTER OUTREACH COMMITTEE THAT
8 PARTNERS WITH US IN TERMS OF VOTER ENGAGEMENT AND OUTREACH TO
9 EDUCATE VOTERS AND TO ENCOURAGE THEIR PARTICIPATION. THAT
10 INCLUDES THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS, ADVOCACY ORGANIZATIONS
11 REPRESENTING ALL SORTS OF DIFFERENT COMMUNITIES WITHIN L.A.
12 COUNTY AND THERE ARE ABOUT 150 TO 200 DIFFERENT ORGANIZATIONS
13 OR INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED IN THAT PROCESS. THEY WERE ALL KEY
14 PARTNERS IN THE SIGNIFICANT VOTER OUTREACH PROGRAM THAT WE DID
15 ASSOCIATED WITH THE NOVEMBER 2008 GENERAL ELECTION, WHICH I
16 THINK WAS HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL. THE BULK OF THE REPORT, AND I
17 THINK WHAT I WANT TO FOCUS ON RIGHT NOW IS THE OPTIONS. AND IN
18 THE MOTION, IT ASKED US TO DISCUSS THE OPTIONS INCLUDING BUT
19 NOT LIMITED TO INSTANT RUN-OFF VOTING AVAILABLE TO THE BOARD
20 OR RECOMMENDATIONS FOR LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS THAT WOULD REDUCE
21 ELECTION COSTS, REDUCE VOTER FATIGUE AND ALSO INCREASE
22 PARTICIPATION IN ELECTIONS. FIRST, SPEAKING OF INSTANT RUN-OFF
23 VOTING, THERE IS THE BULK SECTION OF THE REPORT THAT TALKS
24 ABOUT THAT INSTANT RUN-OFF VOTING FOR REFERENCE IS AN
25 ALTERNATIVE METHOD OF VOTING WHEREBY VOTERS RANKED THEIR



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1 CHOICES FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD. AND THEN IF ONE CANDIDATE
2 DOES NOT RECEIVE A MAJORITY OF THE VOTES, 50% PLUS ONE, THEN
3 YOU REPROCESS THE BALLOTS, THE LOWEST VOTE GETTING CANDIDATE
4 DROPS FROM THAT SECOND COUNT AND THOSE VOTES ARE REALLOCATED
5 TO THE SECOND CHOICE OF THOSE VOTERS. IT'S AN ALTERNATIVE
6 METHOD THAT IS USED IN OTHER COUNTRIES, IT'S USED IN
7 AUSTRALIA, IT'S USED IN GREAT BRITAIN, AND IT'S ALSO USED ON A
8 LIMITED BASIS IN 17 JURISDICTIONS HERE IN THE UNITED STATES,
9 THE MOST NOTABLE BEING SAN FRANCISCO CITY AND COUNTY, THAT'S
10 THE LARGEST JURISDICTION THAT CURRENTLY OPERATES AN INSTANT
11 RUN-OFF VOTING SYSTEM. AND THERE ARE 16 OTHER JURISDICTIONS IN
12 THE STATE THAT HAVE IMPLEMENTED IT. OF NOTE, FIVE OF THOSE
13 JURISDICTIONS STILL USE A MANUAL COUNTING PROCESS IN ORDER TO
14 EFFECTUATE THE RUN-OFF ELECTIONS OR TO AVOID A RUN-OFF
15 ELECTION BY USING THE RANK CHOICE METHOD. THERE ARE ONLY TWO
16 OR THREE JURISDICTIONS IN THE COUNTRY THAT UTILIZED THIS
17 ALTERNATIVE METHOD IN ELECTIONS THAT INCLUDE STATE OFFICIALS
18 AND CONGRESSIONAL OFFICIALS AND IN THOSE CASES, IT IS LIMITED
19 ONLY TO MILITARY AND OVERSEAS VOTERS. I THINK THE POINT THAT
20 WE WANTED TO EMPHASIZE IN THE REPORT TO THE BOARD AND TO THE
21 PUBLIC IS THAT IN THIS DAY AND AGE WITH THE COST OF ELECTIONS
22 AND THE FREQUENCY OF ELECTIONS, IT IS APPROPRIATE FOR ALL OF
23 US TO BE LOOKING AT ALTERNATIVE METHODS THAT WOULD BOTH SAVE
24 TAXPAYER MONEY IN CONDUCTING ELECTIONS, BUT ALSO WOULD REDUCE
25 THE NEED AND FREQUENCY OF ELECTIONS. IN ORDER TO DO THAT IN



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1 L.A. COUNTY, THE BOTTOM LINE IS WE NEED TO ADDRESS THE NEEDS
2 OF OUR VOTING SYSTEMS. WE OPERATE ON A VOTING SYSTEM THAT HAS
3 SERVED US WELL WITH INTEGRITY AND ACCURACY IN L.A. COUNTY BUT
4 IT IS AN OUTDATED VOTING SYSTEM THAT IS VERY -- THAT LACKS THE
5 FLEXIBILITY THAT WOULD BE NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT AN
6 ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM SUCH AS RANKED VOTING. SO AGAIN, IT'S A
7 TIMELY DISCUSSION, I THINK THE POLICY DISCUSSION IS
8 APPROPRIATE AS PART OF A LARGER DIALOGUE THAT WE NEED TO HAVE
9 WITH THE COMMUNITY HERE IN L.A. COUNTY ABOUT OUR VOTING
10 SYSTEMS, AND IT'S A CHALLENGING DISCUSSION THAT WE HAVE, WE'RE
11 GOING TO LAUNCH A VOTING SYSTEMS ASSESSMENT NEXT MONTH. WE'RE
12 GOING TO CAST A WIDE AND INCLUSIVE INVITATION FOR STAKEHOLDERS
13 AND CITIZENS TO COME AND BE AT THE TABLE WITH US TO DEFINE
14 WHAT THE VOTING SYSTEM OF THE FUTURE SHOULD LOOK LIKE IN L.A.
15 COUNTY. WE'RE IN AN INTERESTING SITUATION IN THAT THERE IS
16 CURRENTLY NOT A VOTING SYSTEM ON THE MARKET THAT IS CERTIFIED
17 AND APPROVED FOR USE IN CALIFORNIA THAT REALLY IS CAPABLE OF
18 MEETING THE CAPACITY NEEDS AND THE COMPLEXITY OF VOTING IN LOS
19 ANGELES COUNTY. SO WE NEED TO BRING EVERYBODY TO THE TABLE,
20 FIGURE OUT WHAT SUCH A VOTING SYSTEM WOULD LOOK LIKE, AND THEN
21 LEVERAGE THE FACT THAT WE'RE THE LARGEST JURISDICTION IN THE
22 COUNTRY TO GET THE SUPPORT TO EITHER DEVELOP OR PIECE TOGETHER
23 A VOTING SYSTEM THAT MEETS THOSE NEEDS AND THAT CAN GET
24 THROUGH FEDERAL CERTIFICATION AND STATE APPROVAL. I BELIEVE IN
25 WHAT WE'VE IDENTIFIED IN THE REPORT IS AS PART OF THAT



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1 PROCESS, WE NEED TO IDENTIFY THE FLEXIBILITY TO IMPLEMENT
2 ALTERNATIVE METHODS SUCH AS RANKED CHOICE VOTING OR OTHER
3 POSSIBILITIES THAT MAY EXIST WITH REGARD TO VOTING. I ALSO
4 EMPHASIZED IN THE REPORT THAT I THINK WE NEED TO LOOK TO THE
5 FUTURE AND ANTICIPATE WHAT FUTURE GENERATIONS OF VOTERS ARE
6 GOING TO EXPECT FROM THEIR VOTING SYSTEM AND ADDRESS THAT IN
7 THAT PROCESS AS WELL. BRIEFLY, IN ADDITION TO RANKED CHOICE
8 VOTING, WE IDENTIFIED ON A BROAD SCALE FIVE OTHER ALTERNATIVES
9 THAT THE BOARD COULD CONSIDER OR LEGISLATE APPROVED PROPOSALS
10 THAT COULD BE CONSIDERED TO DECREASE THE FREQUENCY OF
11 ELECTIONS AND THE COST EFFECTIVENESS OF ELECTIONS. ONE OF
12 THOSE WOULD BE TO CHANGE STATE LAW TO HAVE A STANDARD ODD-YEAR
13 ELECTION CYCLE JUST LIKE WE HAVE FOR THE EVEN YEAR ELECTIONS
14 AND TO LINK VACANCY ELECTIONS TO THOSE CYCLES. SO IF A VACANCY
15 OCCURRED, YOU WOULD HAVE THE ELECTION TO FILL THE VACANCY AT
16 THE NEXT STATE ELECTION RATHER THAN CALLING FOR A SPECIAL
17 ELECTION. SECOND OPTION WOULD BE TO HAVE AN APPOINTMENT
18 PROCESS SO VACANCIES ARE FILLED BY APPOINTMENT. AND THEN THE
19 APPOINTED OFFICIAL WOULD SERVE UNTIL THE NEXT SCHEDULED
20 ELECTION IN THAT JURISDICTION. THAT FOLLOWS THE MODEL OF OUR
21 COUNTY CHARTER AND THE MANNER IN WHICH COUNTY OFFICES ARE
22 FILLED IF THERE'S A VACANCY. THIRD OPTION WOULD BE TO AMEND
23 STATE LAW AND SAY THAT VACANCY ELECTIONS ARE FILLED BY A
24 PLURALITY RATHER THAN A MAJORITY. WHILE THAT NOTION SOUNDS A
25 LITTLE BIT RADICAL ON ITS FACE, IF YOU LOOK AT THE 10



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1 VACANCIES THAT HAVE BEEN FILLED IN L.A. COUNTY IN THE LAST
2 DECADE, THEY HAVE ALL BEEN PRIMARILY CONTESTS WITHIN A SINGLE
3 POLITICAL PARTY, SO THE PERSON WHO WON IN THE SPECIAL PRIMARY
4 HAS, WITHOUT EXCEPTION, GONE ON TO WIN THE SPECIAL GENERAL
5 ELECTION. FOURTH OPTION WOULD BE TO CONDUCT VACANCY ELECTIONS
6 AS ENTIRELY VOTE-BY-MAIL ELECTIONS RATHER THAN DOING BOTH BY
7 MAIL AND POLLING PLACE ELECTIONS. THAT'S BEEN A SUCCESSFUL
8 MODEL IN OTHER PARTS OF THE COUNTRY AND IN OTHER AREAS IN
9 CALIFORNIA. THE ONE THING WE WOULD WANT TO GUARD AGAINST HERE
10 IN L.A. COUNTY WITH REGARD TO THAT IS UNDERSERVED POPULATIONS.
11 THERE ARE CERTAINLY AREAS OF L.A. COUNTY WHERE THAT OPTION
12 WOULD NOT SERVE VOTERS AS WELL AS THE CURRENT SYSTEM. AND
13 FINALLY, THE FIFTH OPTION THAT WE IDENTIFY IN THE REPORT IS
14 THE NEED FOR LEGISLATION THAT GUARANTEES COUNTIES WILL BE
15 REIMBURSED FOR THE COST OF CONDUCTING SPECIAL VACANCY
16 ELECTIONS. AND I WOULD FOOTNOTE THAT WE WOULD ALSO LIKE THAT
17 TO INCLUDE THE COST OF RUNNING STATEWIDE SPECIAL ELECTIONS,
18 SUCH AS THE ONE THAT WAS CONDUCTED LAST WEEK. SO WITH THAT,
19 THE CONCLUSION OF THE WRITTEN REPORT TALKS ABOUT THREE AREAS
20 OF EMPHASIS THAT THE DEPARTMENT IS FOCUSED ON WITH REGARD TO
21 ELECTIONS. THE FIRST, AS I'VE ALREADY IDENTIFIED, IS
22 IDENTIFYING THE NEEDS AND MOVING FORWARD WITH A PLAN AND A
23 PROPOSAL TO GET A MORE MODERNIZED VOTING SYSTEM IN L.A.
24 COUNTY. THE SECOND IS TO PARTICIPATE IN FEDERAL EFFORTS TO
25 MODERNIZE OUR VOTER REGISTRATION SYSTEM TO MOVE AWAY FROM THE



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1 MANUAL PAPER-BASED VOTER REGISTRATION SYSTEM THAT WE CURRENTLY
2 OPERATE UNDER IN THE COUNTRY. AND THEN THIRD IS TO LOOK TO THE
3 FUTURE OF THE VOTING SYSTEMS AND WHAT PEOPLE WILL EXPECT IN
4 THE FUTURE FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS.

5

6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ANY QUESTIONS BEFORE WE -- I HAVE A
7 NUMBER OF PEOPLE THAT ARE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK. WE'RE GOING TO
8 CALL THEM UP ONE AT A TIME AND ASK THAT -- I'M GOING TO GIVE
9 YOU ONE MINUTE EACH. I NOTICE THAT MOST EVERYONE'S IN SUPPORT,
10 SO FIRST OF ALL, ERIC SANJURO, NANCY MAHR, SALLY SEVEN, AND
11 REYNOLD BLIGHT. AND THEN WHEN YOU'RE DONE SPEAKING, IF YOU
12 WOULD LEAVE -- I MEAN, JUST -- [LAUGHTER]

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I MEANT, GO BACK TO YOUR SEATS, I'VE GOT
15 OTHER FOLKS TO CALL. I'M GOING TO CALL OTHER FOLKS. ONE AT A
16 TIME. IT'S BEEN A LONG AFTERNOON. I APOLOGIZE. OKAY, IF IF
17 THOSE FOUR PEOPLE WOULD COME FORWARD, PLEASE. PARDON ME?
18 SANJURO AND BLIGHT. OKAY, THEN, I WOULD ASK GAUTAM DUTTA
19 AMANDA FOWLER TO JOIN US, PLEASE.

20

21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MR. CHAIR, I SIMPLY WANT TO SAY IN
22 ADVANCE, THANKS TO THOSE WHO HAVE COME TO TESTIFY. THE CHAIR
23 IS SUGGESTING THAT WE MOVE FORWARD AS EXPEDITIOUSLY AS IS
24 REASONABLE RESPECTING THE FACT THAT YOU'VE BEEN HERE FOR A
25 WHILE AND HAVE IMPORTANT THINGS THAT YOU WANTED TO OFFER. I DO



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1 HAVE A MOTION THAT I WANT TO OFFER, SO THE SOONER WE CAN
2 DISPOSE OF IT --

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YOU WANT TO ENTER THE MOTION AT THIS
5 POINT?

6

7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I'LL WAIT AFTER THE SPEAKERS MOVE FORWARD.
8 AND THERE WILL BE OTHER OPPORTUNITIES.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. ALL RIGHT. GO AHEAD, NANCY.

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12 **NANCY MAHR:** OKAY. GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. I'M NANCY MAHR,
13 THE CURRENT PRESIDENT OF THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF LOS
14 ANGELES COUNTY. THIS IS THE LEVEL OF LEAGUE THAT IS CONCERNED
15 WITH COUNTY GOVERNMENT. AND I DO WANT TO SAY THAT SALLY SEVEN
16 HAS OFFERED TO GIVE ME HER MINUTE.

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18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. WAY TO GO, SALLY.

19

20 **NANCY MAHR:** THANK YOU.

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22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WE'LL GIVE NANCY TWO. WE SHOULD GIVE YOU
23 AN HOUR FOR EVERY YEAR YOU'VE WORKED FOR THE COUNTY, HOW'S
24 THAT? NO, I WAS JUST KIDDING.

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1 **NANCY MAHR:** OH, OKAY. I CAN TALK FOR A LONG TIME. AS YOU KNOW,
2 VOTING IS ONE OF THE ISSUES THAT THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS IS
3 VERY CONCERNED WITH, AMONG THE MANY OF OUR ISSUES. WE HAVE
4 POSITIONS RELATING TO VOTING ON THE NATIONAL LEVEL, THE STATE
5 LEVEL AND THE COUNTY LEVEL. ON THE NATIONAL LEVEL, WE
6 ENCOURAGE ALL CITIZENS TO VOTE. ON THE STATE LEVEL, THE
7 POSITION STATES, OR SUPPORTS USING A VOTING METHOD SUCH AS
8 INSTANT RUN-OFF VOTING, RATHER THAN A SECOND SEPARATE RUN-OFF
9 ELECTION TO DETERMINE A MAJORITY VOTE. THE COUNTY LEAGUE
10 POSITION CALLS FOR A VOTING SYSTEM THAT MEETS THE CRITERIA OF
11 ACCURACY, EFFICIENCY, ECONOMY, AND VOTER ENCOURAGEMENT. IF THE
12 INTENT OF THE VOTING SYSTEM IS TO REFLECT THE ACTUAL
13 PREFERENCE OF VOTERS, INSTANT RUN-OFF VOTING CAN BE CONSIDERED
14 MORE ACCURATE THAN A SINGLE VOTE SYSTEM IN THAT IT ALLOWS
15 VOTERS TO PICK THEIR CHOICES RATHER THAN PICKING ONLY ONE.
16 BECAUSE IT AVOIDS A SEPARATE AND EXPENSIVE RUN-OFF ELECTION
17 WHEN A CONTENDER DOES NOT IMMEDIATELY WIN A MAJORITY, INSTANT
18 RUN-OFF VOTING FULFILLS OUR CRITERIA OF BOTH EFFICIENCY AND
19 ECONOMY. FINALLY, ELIMINATING THE PROSPECT OF A RUN-OFF
20 ELECTION AND GUARANTEEING A TIMELY RESOLUTION WOULD ENCOURAGE
21 MORE VOTERS TO TAKE PART. SOME OF OUR MEMBER LEAGUES IN LOS
22 ANGELES COUNTY HAVE STUDIED THIS IN MORE DEPTH AND HAVE TAKEN
23 SPECIFIC POSITIONS TO SUPPORT INSTANT RUN-OFF VOTING. LOS
24 ANGELES CITY LEAGUE IS ONE AND ALSO THE PASADENA LEAGUE HAS
25 TAKEN THIS POSITION. THEY FEEL THAT INSTANT RUN-OFF VOTING



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1 BENEFITS VOTERS, SAVES MONEY, AND REPRESENTS REAL PROGRESS IN
2 GOOD GOVERNMENT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR LISTENING TO OUR
3 VIEWS.

4

5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I APOLOGIZED THAT YOU HAD TO WAIT ALL
6 THOSE GLORIOUS HOURS.

7

8 **NANCY MAHR:** THAT'S OKAY. I DO HAVE COPIES OF THE TESTIMONY FOR
9 YOU GUYS.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** AND ALEX AKERMAN, IF YOU'D JOIN US,
12 PLEASE. THANK YOU, NANCY. THANK YOU, SALLY.

13

14 **GAUTAM DUTTA:** HI. MY NAME'S GAUTAM DUTTA, I'M FROM NEW AMERICA
15 FOUNDATION. AND REN BLIGHT, WHO HAD TO LEAVE EARLY LENT ME HIS
16 MINUTE, MINUTE, SO IF I COULD HAVE TWO MINUTES.

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18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WELL, THAT'S PRETTY SNEAKY, BUT I DON'T
19 BELIEVE SO. GO AHEAD WITH YOUR MINUTE. DID HE GIVE YOU HIS
20 MINUTE? YOU SURE?

21

22 **GAUTAM DUTTA:** YES.

23

24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YOU GOT A SIGNED LETTER?

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1 **GAUTAM DUTTA:** I DON'T HAVE IT IN WRITING.

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3 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YOU GOT HIS SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER OR
4 ANYTHING?

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6 **GAUTAM DUTTA:** NO.

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8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT, WE'LL GIVE IT TO YOU THEN.
9 TWO MINUTES.

10

11 **GAUTAM DUTTA:** THANKS.

12

13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WHAT ABOUT YOUR VOTER REGISTRATION CARD
14 AFFIDAVIT? THAT WILL DO.

15

16 **GAUTAM DUTTA:** ON MAY 19TH, WE HAD A SPECIAL ELECTION FOR THE
17 CONGRESSIONAL SEAT THAT WAS RECENTLY VACATED BY HILDA SOLIS,
18 WHO IS NOW OUR U.S. LABOR SECRETARY. ALTHOUGH ONE CANDIDATE
19 FINISHED FIRST, SHE DID NOT WIN IMMEDIATELY BECAUSE SHE FELL
20 SHORT OF A MAJORITY. NOW THIS HEADS TO A RUN-OFF. THREE THINGS
21 ARE CERTAIN ABOUT THIS RACE. FIRST, THE DEMOCRATIC NOMINEE,
22 JUDY CHU, IS THE ODDS-ON FAVORITE TO WIN IN THIS
23 OVERWHELMINGLY DEMOCRATIC DISTRICT. SECOND, TAXPAYERS WILL
24 FACE A STEEP TAB FOR THIS ELECTION. ACCORDING TO THE L.A.
25 COUNTY CLERK REGISTRAR-RECORDER, IT WILL COST TAXPAYERS ABOUT



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1 1.5 MILLION FOR THIS ELECTION. AND IT WILL COST THE COUNTY 1.2
2 MILLION. THERE'S HARDLY ANY STATE REIMBURSEMENT TO SPEAK OF.
3 FINALLY, A MINISCULE NUMBER OF FATIGUED VOTERS, PERHAPS AS LOW
4 AS 7%, ARE EXPECTED TO SHOW UP FOR THE JULY 14TH RUN-OFF.
5 WHILE THE VOTERS STAY HOME, THE TAXPAYERS' TAB GOES UP. THE
6 COST OF ADMINISTERING THE RUN-OFF WILL APPROACH A STAGGERING
7 \$100 PER VOTER. FORTUNATELY, THERE'S A BETTER WAY TO CONDUCT
8 SPECIAL ELECTIONS TO FILL VACANCIES. IT'S WITH INSTANT RUN-OFF
9 VOTING. IN ESSENCE, INSTANT RUN-OFF VOTING WOULD ALLOW US TO
10 ELECT MAJORITY WINNERS USING ONE ELECTION, NOT TWO. THESE
11 ELECTION -- AND LAST YEAR'S SPECIAL RUN-OFF WAS NO ISOLATED
12 MATTER. IN FACT, A WHOPPING SEVEN OF CALIFORNIA'S PAST ELEVEN
13 SPECIAL ELECTIONS FOR FEDERAL OR STATE OFFICE HAVE GONE ON TO
14 RUN-OFFS. IN ALL SEVEN OF THOSE ELECTIONS, THERE WERE NO
15 SURPRISES. THAT IS, THE TOP CANDIDATE FROM THE MAJORITY PARTY
16 HAS ALWAYS WON THE RUN-OFF. HERE IN L.A. COUNTY, WE'RE NOT
17 DONE WITH THESE YET, THERE'S A VACANCY NOW CREATED BY CURREN
18 PRICE'S VACANCY. LADERA HEIGHTS WILL HAVE VOTED I THINK FIVE
19 TIMES THIS YEAR BY THE YEAR'S CLOSE. SO LET'S DO AWAY WITH OUR
20 MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR YEAR ELECTION MADNESS. LET'S ADOPT I.R.V.
21 FOR OUR STATE'S SPECIAL ELECTIONS, ELECT MAJORITY WINNERS IN
22 ONE SINGLE ELECTION AND SAVE VOTERS THE HASSLE OF COMING TO
23 VOTE AGAIN AND AGAIN AND AGAIN. THANK YOU.
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1 **AMANDA FOWLER:** MY NAME IS AMANDA FOWLER, I'M ALSO WITH THE NEW
2 AMERICA FOUNDATION. A NUMBER OF PROMINENT LEADERS HAVE
3 ENDORSED INSTANT RUN-OFF VOTING INCLUDING SUPERVISOR MARK
4 RIDLEY-THOMAS, PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA, SENATOR JOHN MCCAIN,
5 CALIFORNIA CONTROLLER, JOHN CHUNG, CALIFORNIA SECRETARY OF
6 STATE, DEBORAH BOWEN, LOS ANGELES CITY ATTORNEY-ELECT, CARMEN
7 TRUTANICH, LOS ANGELES CONTROLLER-ELECT, WENDY GREUEL, FORMER
8 L.A. MAYOR, RICHARD RIORDAN, L.A. COUNCIL MEMBERS, JOSE
9 HUIZAR, BILL ROSENDAHL, ED REYES, AND ERIC GARCETTI, FORMER
10 L.A. MAYOR, RICHARD RIORDAN. SORRY, I ALREADY SAID THAT ONE.
11 THE STATE BAR OF CALIFORNIA PRESIDENT HOLLY FUJIE, THE PAST
12 CHAIR OF THE LOS ANGELES CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, CHARLIE WU. ALSO
13 INFLUENTIAL CIVIC GROUPS, INCLUDING THE L.A. AREA CHAMBER OF
14 COMMERCE, THE L.A. LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS, CALIFORNIA COMMON
15 CAUSE, THE L.A. COUNTY FEDERATION OF LABOR, ASIAN AMERICAN
16 ACTION FUND, MEXICAN-AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION, SOUTHWEST VOTER
17 REGISTRATION EDUCATION PROJECT, AND NEW AMERICA FOUNDATION, SO
18 THANK YOU.

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20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. MR. AKERMAN.

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22 **ALEX AKERMAN:** YES. HELLO. MY NAME IS ALEX AKERMAN. I'M A
23 LIFELONG RESIDENT OF LOS ANGELES, SPECIFICALLY ENCINO, AND I
24 AM CURRENTLY A STUDENT AT DUKE SCHOOL OF LAW HERE FOR THE
25 SUMMER, WHICH GIVES ME AN OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK ON THIS



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1 IMPORTANT ISSUE. I STRONGLY SUPPORT INSTANT RUN-OFF VOTING,
2 SPECIFICALLY FOR TWO REASONS. THE FIRST IS VOTER FATIGUE.
3 LIVING OUT OF STATE FOR THE FIRST TIME IN MY LIFE, I JUST NOW
4 REALIZED JUST HOW MANY ELECTIONS WE HAVE AND HOW CONSTANT THE
5 STREAM OF ADVERTISEMENTS AND ISSUES ARE. I KNOW IT'S
6 COUNTERINTUITIVE TO SAY WE COULD HAVE MORE DEMOCRATIC WITH
7 LESS ELECTIONS, BUT I BELIEVE INSTANT RUN-OFF CAN ACCOMPLISH
8 THIS BY GETTING MORE PEOPLE TO VOTE WHILE HAVING FEWER
9 ELECTIONS. SECONDLY IS THE THE BUDGETARY ISSUE IN THIS TIME OF
10 ECONOMIC CRISIS. YOU ONLY HAVE SO FEW RESOURCES TO VOTING.
11 SPECIFICALLY MANY ELECTIONS THAT GO TO SPECIAL RUN-OFFS END UP
12 WITH A PERSON WINNING WHO HAD THE MOST VOTES AT THE BEGINNING.
13 THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR COMING DOWN. WE HAVE
16 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, IF YOU'D LIKE TO PASS OUT YOUR
17 MOTION.

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19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THE THRUST OF THE MOTION IS AS FOLLOWS,
20 MR. CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS. MAY I SIMPLY SAY THANK YOU TO THOSE
21 WHO CAME TO TESTIFY, THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN FOLLOWING THIS ISSUE
22 WITH INTENSITY AND CONCERN. BUT I THINK IT'S REALLY IMPORTANT
23 TO APPRECIATE THE FACT THAT THE COUNTY HAS LITERALLY SPENT
24 MILLIONS OF DOLLARS ON THESE ELECTIONS AND THAT IS WHAT IS
25 REQUIRED IN A DEMOCRATIC PROCESS, AND SO THERE IS NO BACKING



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1 AWAY FROM THAT. AND TO THE EXTENT THAT THAT IS THE CASE, WE
2 RECOGNIZE THAT THERE ARE STATE REIMBURSEMENT SCENARIOS THAT
3 OUGHT TO HELP THE COUNTY AS WELL AS LOCAL JURISDICTIONS
4 THROUGHOUT THE STATE TO THE EXTENT THAT THAT IS A REASONABLE
5 REQUEST TO DEAL WITH ENSURING THE PROMISES AND THE PROTECTIONS
6 OF THE DEMOCRATIC PROCESS. THE LESS RESOURCES THAT ARE
7 AVAILABLE TO RUN ELECTIONS THE WAY THEY OUGHT TO BE RUN, THE
8 MORE LIKELY IT IS THAT THE INTEGRITY OF THE ELECTION PROCESS
9 WILL THEN BE COMPROMISED. THEREFORE, I REQUEST THAT THE BOARD
10 FORMALLY GO ON RECORD SUPPORTING THE FULL REIMBURSEMENT OF
11 COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE CONDUCT OF SPECIAL VACANCY ELECTIONS
12 WITH STATE, LEGISLATIVE, AS WELL AS CONGRESSIONAL SEATS AND
13 DIRECT OUR SACRAMENTO ADVOCATES IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE BOARD
14 ITSELF, AS WELL AS THE COUNTY SUPERVISORS ASSOCIATION OF
15 CALIFORNIA TO PURSUE LEGISLATION TOWARD THAT END. AND I WOULD
16 SO MOVE, MR. CHAIRMAN.

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18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY, I WOULD SECOND THAT. I HAVE A
19 COUPLE OF QUESTIONS, DEAN. IS RANKED VOTING SOMETHING THAT
20 CITIES CAN DO ON THEIR OWN FOR THE MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS, OR ARE
21 THEY DEPENDENT UPON THE COUNTY FOR THAT, OR AND IS IT A WHOLE
22 LEGISLATIVE THING?

23

24 **DEAN LOGAN:** SUPERVISOR, I BELIEVE THAT CHARTER CITIES HAVE THE
25 ABILITY TO ADOPT INSTANT RUN-OFF VOTING AS AN OPTION FOR THEIR



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1 JURISDICTIONS. FOR THOSE CITIES THAT WE CURRENTLY CONDUCT THE
2 ELECTIONS, THEY HAVE THE SAME LIMITATIONS THAT WE WOULD HAVE
3 BASED ON OUR VOTING SYSTEM, SO IN ORDER FOR THOSE CITIES TO
4 IMPLEMENT IT, IT WOULD HAVE TO GO THROUGH US FIRST, BUT I
5 BELIEVE THAT OTHER CHARTER CITIES WHO CONDUCT THEIR OWN
6 ELECTIONS HAVE THE ABILITY TO MOVE FORWARD WITH SUCH A
7 PROPOSAL.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WHAT IS INVOLVED? DO WE HAVE AN IDEA ON
10 THE TIME AND COST FOR MODIFYING OUR VOTING SYSTEM OR
11 INTRODUCING A NEW VOTING SYSTEM?

12

13 **DEAN LOGAN:** WELL, WE'RE GOING TO LAUNCH A VOTING SYSTEMS
14 ASSESSMENT NEXT MONTH. AS I INDICATED IN MY REPORT, WE'RE
15 GOING TO BRING STAKEHOLDERS TOGETHER AND IDENTIFY WHAT SUCH A
16 VOTING SYSTEM SHOULD LOOK LIKE. I HOPE TO DO THAT IN
17 RELATIVELY SHORT ORDER BECAUSE THERE'S A NEED FOR US TO MOVE
18 FORWARD AS WE CONTEMPLATE THE GUBERNATORIAL ELECTION OF 2010
19 AND, OF COURSE, ANOTHER PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION IN 2012. THE
20 PROCESS, IF WE HAVE TO GO, AND I EXPECT THAT WE PROBABLY WILL
21 HAVE TO GO WITH A VOTING SYSTEM THAT HAS NOT YET BEEN THROUGH
22 FEDERAL CERTIFICATION OR STATE APPROVAL IS SOMEWHAT IN FLUX.
23 BECAUSE THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAS STILL NOT FORMALLY ADOPTED
24 THEIR FINAL STANDARDS FOR NEW VOTING SYSTEMS AND THE STATE
25 PROCESS IS TRIGGERED AFTER THAT. SO IT IS A RATHER LENGTHY



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1 PROCESS, IT'S AN EXPENSIVE PROCESS. BUT I THINK THAT WE'RE IN
2 A POSITION TO TAKE A LEADERSHIP ROLE IN PUSHING THAT PROCESS
3 FORWARD AND PUSHING THE FEDERAL ELECTIONS COMMISSION AND
4 WORKING COOPERATIVELY WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE TO GET THAT
5 PROCESS MOVING. SO I THINK IF WE GET STARTED NOW, HOPEFULLY WE
6 CAN BE WELL ON OUR WAY BY THE TIME WE'RE CONDUCTING THE 2010
7 ELECTION CYCLE.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WHILE I THINK EVERYTHING IS ON THE
10 TABLE, PARTICULARLY WHEN WE'RE LOOKING AT COST AVOIDANCE AND
11 MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS'S MOTION ABOUT REIMBURSEMENT, OBVIOUSLY
12 THAT'S A WEAK POINT FROM THE STATE BUT SOMETHING WE NEED TO GO
13 AFTER. THE ONE ISSUE THAT I WOULD NEVER BUY, THE GENTLEMAN I
14 THINK FROM NEW AMERICA FOUNDATION IS BASED ON A PRESUMPTIVE
15 WINNER. THAT'S NOT THE AMERICAN WAY, AND EVERYBODY'S IN IT FOR
16 A FAIR FIGHT. AND SO THAT SHOULD NEVER BE A REASON FOR
17 SWITCHING VOTING SYSTEMS BASED ON A PRESUMPTIVE WINNER,
18 REGARDLESS OF WHAT THE REGISTRATION IS. AND I WOULD NEVER
19 SUPPORT A CHANGE BASED ON PRESUMPTIVE WINNERS.

20

21 **DEAN LOGAN:** AND I JUST WANT TO POINT OUT THAT WITH RANKED
22 VOTING, IT IS A MECHANISM OF GETTING TO WHAT YOU JUST STATED
23 WITHOUT HAVING TO HAVE A RUN-OFF ELECTION. SO PEOPLE STILL
24 HAVE THE OPTION OF MAKING THAT SECOND CHOICE AND HAVING THOSE
25 VOTES ADDED, IF IN THE FIRST COUNT THERE ISN'T A MAJORITY.



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THEN MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS'S
3 MOTION IS BEFORE US, BEEN SECONDED. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO
4 ORDERED.

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6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN, AND TO THOSE WHO
7 ARE FOLLOWING THIS ISSUE WITH INTENSITY AS WELL AS TO MR.
8 LOGAN FOR HIS WORK ON THIS. WE'LL CONTINUE TO FOLLOW UP. AND
9 MR. CHAIRMAN, THOSE WHO HAVE MADE A CLAIM ABOUT PRESUMPTIVE
10 WINNER AND THE LIKE, WE WILL GIVE THEM A TUTORIAL IN THE
11 DEMOCRATIC PROCESS. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** DIDN'T ASK FOR THAT. JUST DON'T ASK ME
14 TO SUPPORT A NEW SYSTEM BASED ON THAT IS WHAT I ASKED FOR. ALL
15 RIGHT. THANK YOU ALL AGAIN. I APOLOGIZE FOR THE WAIT AND THAT
16 YOU HAD TO WAIT THIS AFTERNOON. WE APPRECIATE YOUR PATIENCE IN
17 TESTIFYING. OKAY. NEXT, WE HAVE ITEM -- OH, FIRST DISTRICT.

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA:** MR. CHAIRMAN, I HAD ONE ITEM. I HAD ITEM NO. 18,
20 WHICH IS BASICALLY THE BEGINNINGS OF TRYING TO ASK THE
21 DEPARTMENTS, THE C.E.O., THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES, AS
22 WELL AS OUR C.I.O., BEGIN A PROCESS OF PLANNING FOR AN
23 INTEGRATED HEALTHCARE DELIVERY PLAN. IT IS SOMETHING THAT WHEN
24 WE WERE AT THE WHITE HOUSE WE TALKED TO THEM ABOUT. BUT AS WE
25 LOOK AT A PLAN, WE NEED TO START LOOKING AND FOCUS ON SOME OF



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1 THE CORE ELEMENTS AS TO WHAT WE WOULD BE ASKING FOR. AGAIN, I
2 AM HOPEFUL THAT THROUGH THIS MOTION, WE ARE GOING TO LOOK AT
3 THOSE ELEMENTS AND ESTABLISHING A MEDICAL HOME FOR PATIENTS
4 WHICH WILL GO A LONG WAY IN INTEGRATING OUR HEALTHCARE SYSTEM,
5 IMPROVING ACCESS TO PREVENTIVE SERVICES, ELIMINATING HEALTH
6 DISPARITIES, IMPROVING CASE MANAGEMENT, IMPROVED ACCESS TO
7 SPECIALTY CARE, PROMOTION OF QUALITY IMPROVEMENT ACTIVITIES
8 AND THE UTILIZATION OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, WHICH PARTNERS
9 WITH SOME OF THE WORK THAT HAS ALREADY BEEN DONE BY SUPERVISOR
10 RIDLEY-THOMAS WITH REGARD TO SOME OF THESE ISSUES. BUT I HOPE
11 THAT AS WE LOOK AT THAT, IT IS ALSO CONFIRMING THE MANY OF THE
12 DELIVERABLES THAT WE ARE PLANNING ON PROVIDING TO THE STATE AS
13 WE LOOK AT OUR STATE WAIVER. SO THAT IS THE INTENT OF THIS
14 MOTION, YOU KNOW, JUST EMBRACING THOSE CORE ELEMENTS SO WE CAN
15 MOVE FORWARD. THERE ARE MANY OF THOSE PROJECTS THAT ARE IN
16 PLACE AT L.A. COUNTY U.S.C. WE HAVE THE CAMINO DE SALUD, WE
17 HAVE A PROGRAM OUT IN THE SOUTH CENTRAL COMMUNITY, THERE'S ONE
18 OUT IN SAN FERNANDO VALLEY. SO THERE ARE MANY OF THESE TO LOOK
19 AT THAT ARE ENCOMPASSING AND INCORPORATING MANY OF THE BASIC
20 ELEMENTS THAT WE'RE ASKING FOR. BUT IT'S NOW TIME FOR THE
21 COUNTY TO INVOLVE ITSELF IN SOME MEANINGFUL WAY TO START DOING
22 SOME REAL PLANNING FOR THIS AREA. SO I'M ASKING THE C.E.O. TO
23 PROVIDE SOME LEADERSHIP ON THAT TO GET THAT GOING AND MOVING
24 FORWARD.

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1 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** AND WE WANT TO INCORPORATE THE ELEMENTS OF
2 YOUR MOTION INTO OUR EFFORT. PLEASE KNOW THAT WE'VE STARTED A
3 PROCESS, I'M PERSONALLY CHAIRING IT. I HAVE STAFF FROM SEVERAL
4 DEPARTMENTS WORKING WITH US ON THIS EFFORT. AND WE WELCOME
5 YOUR SUGGESTIONS.

6

7 **SUP. MOLINA:** OKAY. GOOD. THANK YOU. I APPRECIATE THAT.

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9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN SUPPORT OF THE
10 MOTION.

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12 **SUP. MOLINA:** I KNOW, AND I KNOW THEY'VE BEEN WAITING A LONG
13 TIME. AND THEIR INPUT IS IMPORTANT, BUT I'M ALSO GOING TO ASK
14 IF WE COULD ONLY GIVE THEM A MINUTE EACH. MOST OF THESE PEOPLE
15 ARE IN FAVOR, BUT THEY DID SPEND A LOT OF TIME HERE WAITING TO
16 TESTIFY.

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18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ANNIE PARK, PAUL GIBONEY, ROSA
19 GUTIERREZ, DELIA LOPEZ. FOUR OF YOU WOULD COME FORWARD FIRST,
20 AND I'LL SAY THIS CORRECTLY THIS TIME. AND WHEN YOU'RE
21 FINISHED TESTIFYING, IF YOU WOULD RETURN TO YOUR SEATS SO WE
22 CAN CALL UP OTHER PEOPLE. IT'S LONELY AT THE TOP. SIR? WHOEVER
23 WANTS TO GO FIRST.

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1 **PAUL GIBONEY:** GOOD AFTERNOON, CHAIRMAN AND SUPERVISORS. MY
2 NAME IS PAUL GIBONEY, I'M A DOCTOR AT CLINICA ROMERO. I'VE
3 BEEN WORKING IN THE INNER CITY OF LOS ANGELES FOR ABOUT 10
4 YEARS NOW AND HAVE SEEN AND INTERACTED A LOT WITH PATIENTS WHO
5 HAVE NO OTHER SOURCES OF FUNDING FOR THEIR SERVICES BESIDES
6 FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTERS LIKE MY OWN OR THE COUNTY
7 OF LOS ANGELES. THE CORE PRINCIPLES THAT I THINK ARE CRUCIAL
8 HERE ARE THAT OF COLLABORATION AND COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THE
9 COUNTY AND THE PUBLIC/PRIVATE SECTOR. CLINICS LIKE OUR OWN ARE
10 PRIVATE NONPROFITS THAT DON'T HAVE A LOT OF INTERACTION WITH
11 THE COUNTY IN FORMAL WAYS, BUT A LOT OF INFORMAL WAYS. AND
12 WHAT THIS PROJECT IS BASED ON IS ESTABLISHING RELATIONSHIPS,
13 ESTABLISHING WAYS OF INTERACTING THAT HELP LEVERAGE RESOURCES
14 TOWARDS PATIENTS. THERE'S ALSO A LOT OF COMMUNICATION AND
15 HEALTH INFORMATION EXCHANGE THAT IS CRUCIAL. OFTENTIMES WE
16 HAVE TO PROCEED WITH CARE WITHOUT A COMPLETE SET OF DATA, DATA
17 THAT IN TESTS THAT ARE SOMETIMES DUPLICATED ACROSS THE SYSTEM
18 AND REALLY A WASTE OF RESOURCES IN WHAT WE'RE TRYING TO DO TO
19 HELP OUR PATIENTS. I'M IN STRONG SUPPORT OF THIS MOTION BY
20 SUPERVISOR MOLINA.

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22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE.

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24 **ROSA GUTIERREZ:** [SPEAKING SPANISH]



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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** I THINK THAT THEY HAD REQUESTED A TRANSLATOR. IS
2 SOMEBODY HERE?

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4 **IRMA ESTRELLA:** HI. MY NAME IS IRMA ESTRELLA. I'M A CARE
5 MANAGER WITH EL CAMINO DE SALUD NETWORK. AND I WORK TO
6 FACILATE SOME OF THE SERVICES FOR SOME OF THE MOST FREQUENT
7 USERS, CHRONICALLY ILL PATIENTS OF THE L.A.C.+U.S.C. MEDICAL
8 CENTER, AND I'LL BE TRANSLATING FOR TWO PATIENTS THAT
9 SUCCESSFULLY GRADUATED OUR PROGRAM, ROSA GUTIERREZ AND AT THE
10 DELIA LOPEZ.

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12 **ROSA GUTIERREZ:** [SPEAKING SPANISH] [SPEAKING SPANISH]

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14 **IRMA ESTRELLA:** SO SHE'S TALKING ABOUT HER MEDICAL CONDITION IS
15 LIVER DISEASE. AND SHE HAS EXPERIENCED GOING TO THE HOSPITAL
16 AND HAVING TO WAIT SOMETIMES A WHOLE DAY TO SEE A DOCTOR. AND
17 AFTER ENROLLMENT IN THE PROGRAM, SHE WAS NOW GIVEN A PRIMARY
18 CARE PROVIDER AT CLINICA ROMERO. AND NOW SHE HAS ACCESS TO NOT
19 ONLY HER PROVIDER BUT GETTING ALL THE MEDICATION THAT SHE
20 NEEDS.

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22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. YES, ANNIE.

23

24 **ANNIE PARK:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS ANNIE
25 PARK. I'M A POLICY ANALYST AT COMMUNITY HEALTH COUNCILS. I AM



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1 ALSO IN SUPPORT OF THIS MOTION AND THESE SUGGESTIONS THAT WE
2 DO HAVE, WE HAVE PUT IN A LETTER, SO IF I MAY JUST SUBMIT
3 THIS. BUT I ALSO WANT TO THANK THE BOARD FOR THEIR LEADERSHIP,
4 IN PARTICULAR, SUPERVISOR MOLINA FOR BEGINNING THE DISCUSSION
5 ON THIS IMPORTANT TOPIC.

6

7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE
8 AS WELL. NEXT?

9

10 **DELIA LOPEZ:** (SPEAKING SPANISH)

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12 **IRMA ESTRELLA:** OKAY, SO THIS PATIENT, SHE HAS HIGH BLOOD
13 PRESSURE, DIABETES. AND SHE NOW RECEIVES HER PRIMARY CARE AT
14 QUEEN'S CARE AS WELL AS DIALYSIS FOR KIDNEY FAILURE. AND AFTER
15 ENROLLMENT IN THE PROGRAM, NOW SHE HAS A PRIMARY CARE PROVIDER
16 AS WELL AS SPECIALTY CARE. AND SHE ALSO HAS HER CARE MANAGER,
17 MONICA, WHO WORKS VERY CLOSELY WITH HER TO GIVE HER ACCESS TO
18 NEEDED RESOURCES IN THE COMMUNITY.

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20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. THANK YOU. I WOULD ASK GENEVIEVE
21 CLAVREUL, ARNOLD SACHS, AND LOUISE MCCARTHY TO JOIN US,
22 PLEASE. BILL, WHILE WE'RE WAITING FOR THEM TO COME UP. IN
23 SUPERVISOR MOLINA'S MOTION, DO YOU SEE ANYTHING THAT WOULD
24 PROHIBIT YOU FROM CONSIDERING OTHER MODELS?

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1 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** READING THE MOTION, I BELIEVE IT'S THE
2 ELEMENTS, OR THE COMPONENTS OF THE SYSTEM THAT SHE'S ASKING US
3 TO LOOK AT, INCLUDING AN INTEGRATED MODEL, COLLABORATION WITH
4 OTHER PROVIDERS. SO I DON'T SEE IT PRECLUDING OR PREVENTING US
5 FROM LOOKING AT ANY MODEL. WE'LL FIND THE BEST MODEL.

6

7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. MR. SACHS WITHDREW.

8

9 **LOUISE MCCARTHY:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. LOUISE MCCARTHY,
10 WITH THE COMMUNITY CLINIC ASSOCIATION OF L.A. COUNTY. FIRST OF
11 ALL, SUPERVISOR MOLINA, THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP
12 ON THIS ISSUE AND A NUMBER OF OTHER ISSUES RELATED TO CARE
13 COORDINATION. WHEN WE LOOK BACK TO OCTOBER OF LAST YEAR,
14 ACTUALLY, THERE WAS A MOTION AUTHORED BY THE FIRST DISTRICT
15 THAT THE SUPERVISORS SUPPORTED TO LOOK AT CARE COORDINATION IN
16 THE P.P.P. PROGRAM. AND IN THE RECOMMENDATIONS THAT CAME OUT
17 OF THAT, THERE WAS ACTUALLY FUNDING FOR A PROJECT CALLED THE
18 ENCOUNTER SUMMARY SHEET, WHICH IS NOW THE HEALTH INFORMATION
19 EXCHANGE FOR L.A. COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES, THE
20 COMMUNITY CLINICS AND THE P.P.P. PROGRAM. AND AS IS NOTED IN
21 THE HANDOUTS THAT I'VE GOT GOING AROUND, THERE'S ADDITIONAL
22 PHASES WITH NEW FUNDING COMING FORWARD FOR WHICH WE'RE
23 APPROACHING. WE'VE GOTTEN FUNDING FROM THE STATE, WE'RE
24 APPROACHING THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FOR FUNDING AS WELL, AND
25 ARE SEEKING ADDITIONAL CARE COORDINATION ACTIVITIES. JUST WANT



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1 TO NOTE THE CORE COMPONENTS OF THIS ARE CRITICAL, IT'S REALLY
2 GREAT, EVERYTHING THAT'S BEEN OUTLINED HERE THAT YOU'VE
3 SUPPORTED AND WE REALLY ARE THANKFUL FOR THAT. WE ALSO
4 PROVIDED A MATRIX OF ADDITIONAL CARE COORDINATION ACTIVITIES
5 THAT THE CLINICS ARE ENGAGED IN WHICH WE THINK WOULD BE A
6 SUITABLE MODEL AND WHICH SHOULD BE CONSIDERED AS WELL. THANK
7 YOU SO MUCH.

8

9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU SO MUCH.

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11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** GENEVIEVE.

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13 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** YES. GOOD AFTERNOON. DR. GENEVIEVE
14 CLAVREUL. I DON'T KNOW IF IT'S A GOOD AFTERNOON BECAUSE I'VE
15 BEEN HERE FOR SO LONG.

16

17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** BUT THE GOOD NEWS IS, IT DIDN'T START
18 UNTIL ONE.

19

20 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** AND THERE'S TWO OR THREE OF YOU OUT OF
21 FIVE. BUT ANYWAY, I JUST WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR MOLINA TO
22 TAKE THE LEAD ON INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND COORDINATION OF
23 CARE. I'M A VERY STRONG PROPONENT OF THAT. MY MAIN CONCERN
24 ABOUT THE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AT THE COUNTY THAT NOBODY IS
25 TALKING WITH EACH OTHER. AND I HAVE REQUESTED MANY INFORMATION



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1 REQUESTS VIS-A-VIS WHAT WE HAVE ACTUALLY IN THE COUNTY RIGHT
2 NOW. AND I'M STILL WAITING FOR MY ANSWER. IT HAS BEEN A COUPLE
3 OF YEARS RIGHT NOW, I'M LOSING MY PATIENCE. SO I'M GOING TO
4 MAKE AN IMMEDIATE REQUEST FOR FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT AND
5 GET THE INFORMATION FOR THE LAST FIVE YEARS. THANK YOU SO
6 MUCH. BYE.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT. THE ITEM IS BEFORE
9 US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA. THE CHAIR WILL SECOND. MR.
10 RIDLEY-THOMAS IS STILL HERE, SO WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU.

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14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA, DO YOU HAVE ANY
15 ADJOURNMENTS?

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17 **SUP. MOLINA:** NO, I DO NOT.

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19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, DO YOU HAVE
20 ANY ADJOURNMENTS?

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22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I DO, MR. CHAIR, AS FOLLOWS. I'D ASK THAT
23 WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF CURTISS SEYMORE, LONGTIME RESIDENT
24 OF THE OF THE SECOND DISTRICT WHO PASSED AWAY ON MAY 10 AT THE
25 AGE OF 70 YEARS. HE WAS AN EDUCATOR AND COACH AT COMPTON HIGH



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1 SCHOOL. HE TAUGHT PHYSICAL EDUCATION CLASSES, COACHED SPORTS
2 AND BECAME THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR AS WELL AS THE DEAN OF
3 STUDENTS. THOUGH HE COACHED EVERY SPORT AT THE HIGH SCHOOL
4 LEVEL, TRACK AND FIELD WAS HIS PASSION. HE WAS A DEDICATED
5 MEMBER OF THE FIRST NEW RISING SUN MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH.
6 HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE MALE COURSE AND TRUSTEE BOARD. HE
7 LEAVES TO CHERISH HIS MEMORY HIS WIFE GLORIA; HIS THREE
8 DAUGHTERS, NETRIC, CURTISA, AND CURTESSA; AND HIS SON, CURTISS
9 SEYMORE, JR., ALONG WITH A HOST OF COLLEAGUES, FAMILY AND
10 FRIENDS. SECONDLY MR. CHAIRMAN, MS. MOLINA, HELEN TRINITA
11 WESTMORELAND, LONGTIME LOS ANGELES COUNTY RESIDENT, WHO PASSED
12 AWAY ON APRIL 27TH AT THE AGE OF 64. SHE HAD A LONG AND
13 SUCCESSFUL CAREER IN THE AEROSPACE INDUSTRY BEFORE RETIRING
14 FROM HUGHES/RAYTHEON IN 1999 AFTER 25 YEARS OF SERVICE. SHE
15 LEAVES TO CHERISH HER MEMORY HER PARENTS, REVEREND PRESLEY AND
16 ORANELL THOMAS; AND HER SISTERS, AMANDA, SHANIKA, ALONG WITH A
17 HOST OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS. AND FINALLY, DANNIE FARBER, JR.,
18 ALL-CITY FOOTBALL PLAYER FROM NARBONNE HIGH SCHOOL WHO WAS
19 TRAGICALLY KILLED THIS PAST SUNDAY WHILE EATING IN A
20 RESTAURANT. THE CITYWIDE RECEIVER HAD EARNED A COLLEGE
21 SCHOLARSHIP AND WAS SLATED TO ENTER COLLEGE IN THE FALL. KNOWN
22 FOR HIS ENERGETIC PERSONALITY AND ATHLETIC TALENT, HIS DEATH
23 IS NOTHING LESS THAN TRAGIC. HE LEAVES TO CHERISH HIS MEMORY
24 HIS PARENTS, ALONG WITH A HOST OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS, HIS
25 TEAMMATES, HIS CLASSMATES. MR. CHAIRMAN, IT WOULD SEEM TO ME



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1 APPROPRIATE THAT WE ENTERTAIN THE BOARD A MOTION THAT I'M
2 ENTERING LEADING TO THE ARREST OF THOSE WHO WERE PERPETRATORS
3 FOUND TO BE IN THIS TRAGIC INCIDENT, REWARD MOTION FOR \$10,000
4 IN THE CASE OF MR. FARBER.

5

6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WITHOUT ANY DISCUSSION, SO ORDERED.
7 TRAGIC.

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9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** IT'S TERRIBLE. COMPLETELY TERRIBLE.

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11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I HAVE SEVERAL ADJOURNMENTS. FIRST OF
12 ALL, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF MR. JULIUS BESCOS. JULIUS WAS
13 A LEGEND AND LONGTIME RESIDENT OF THE OF LONG BEACH. HE PASSED
14 AWAY ON MAY 23RD AT THE AGE OF 79. HE PERSONIFIED EVERYTHING
15 THAT LENDS TO THE HISTORY AND PRESTIGE OF VIRGINIA COUNTRY
16 CLUB AND WAS A MEMBER FOR 63 YEARS. HE SERVED AS CLUB
17 PRESIDENT FOR TWO TERMS IN THE LATE '60S, SERVED AS PRESIDENT
18 OF BOTH CALIFORNIA GOLF ASSOCIATION, AND THE SOUTHERN
19 CALIFORNIA GOLF ASSOCIATION. HE WAS AN ACCOMPLISHED GOLFER AND
20 AS HISTORY SAYS, HE EAGLED EVERY HOLE AT VIRGINIA COUNTRY
21 CLUB. BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY, HE WAS RECENTLY INDUCTED INTO
22 THE U.S.C. ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME. HE WAS VOTED ONE OF THE TOP
23 10 ATHLETES OF ALL TIMES. HE WAS CAPTAIN OF THE 1934 U.S.C.
24 FOOTBALL TEAM. HE WON TWO OTHER LETTERS IN THE SPORT ALONG
25 WITH TWO IN BASEBALL AND THREE IN BASKETBALL. HE HAD A CAREER



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1 AS A TROJAN ASSISTANT COACH IN FOOTBALL, BASKETBALL AND
2 BASEBALL. HE ALSO SERVED AS HEAD BASKETBALL COACH IN 1941 AND
3 '42. HE WAS NAVAL OFFICER ON AN AIRCRAFT CARRIER DURING WORLD
4 WAR II. HE WILL BE GREATLY MISSED.. HE WAS SURVIVED BY HIS
5 WIFE, FAYE; AND MANY FAMILY AND MANY, MANY, MANY FRIENDS. AND
6 ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF DR. ROBERT ROGERS, A
7 LONGTIME RESIDENT OF THE OF LONG BEACH AND FORMER LOS ANGELES
8 COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES FOR OVER 30 YEARS,
9 PASSED AWAY RECENTLY AT THE YOUNG AGE OF 61. HE WAS HONORED
10 NUMEROUS TIMES FOR HIS WORK WITH FOSTER KIDS. HE WAS A MEMBER
11 OF SEVERAL CHORAL GROUPS THAT TRAVELED THE WORLD. DR. ROGERS
12 IS SURVIVED BY HIS SISTERS, VIRGINIA AND CAROL; BROTHER,
13 RICHARD; NIECE, ELIZABETH; AND NEPHEW, STEPHEN. AND IT WAS
14 MENTIONED EARLIER BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, ALL MEMBERS ON THE
15 MEMORY OF PAT ALLEN, THE WIFE TO THE HONORABLE WALTER ALLEN,
16 MAYOR OF COVINA AND A GOOD FRIEND TO US ALL. SHE WAS A VERY
17 SPECIAL LADY, INCREDIBLE FIGHTER, SHE HAD A LONG BATTLE WITH
18 CANCER. SHE'S SURVIVED, AS WAS MENTIONED, BY WALT AND EVERYONE
19 ELSE WHOSE LIFE SHE TOUCHED. THOSE ARE MY ADJOURNMENTS. SO
20 ORDERED. DO WE HAVE ANY REGULAR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA LEFT?

21

22 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** MR. CHAIRMAN, ON ITEMS NO. 26 AND 33, THE
23 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC WHO WAS HOLDING THEM LEFT AND SO THOSE
24 ARE BEFORE YOU.

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ON ITEM 26, MOVED BY -- DO WE HAVE A
2 QUORUM HERE?

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4 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** (OFF-MIKE).

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6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA. CHAIR WILL
7 SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. ITEM -- THAT'S ITEM 26.
8 33.

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10 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** IT RELATED TO ITEM 33.

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12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO THAT WAS A MOTION ON BOTH 26 AND 33.

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14 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** CORRECT. AND SO NOW WE HAVE ITEM S-1 OR
15 ITEM 28. ITEM 28 IS BEING HELD BY A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC.

16

17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. ITEM 28. WHO'S HOLDING IT? DR.
18 CLAVREUL, IF YOU'D COME FORWARD, PLEASE.

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20 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. YOU KNOW ON
21 THAT ITEM, EVERY YEAR I HAVE TALKED ON THAT ITEM. WE ARE STILL
22 HAVING SOLE VENDOR CONTRACT, WE'RE STILL HAVING NO R.F.P., WE
23 STILL HAVE NUMEROUS H.I.V./A.I.D.S. GROUPS WHO ARE NOT
24 PERFORMING WELL TO ALL THE TASKS AND WE ARE RENEWING THEIR
25 CONTRACT. TO ME, IT'S UNBELIEVABLE, THAT THIS IS HAPPENING



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1 OVER AND OVER AGAIN. AND YOU KNOW I'VE BEEN PROMISED EVERY
2 YEAR THAT THAT WILL NEVER HAPPEN AGAIN, BUT OF COURSE IT WOULD
3 BE TOO EXTRAORDINARY TO HAVE THIS GROUP MEETING THEIR
4 PROMISES. I THINK IT'S KIND OF TERRIBLE, AND I WISH YOU WOULD
5 REALLY LOOK AT IT A LITTLE MORE STRONGLY. THAT'S ABSURD. EVERY
6 YEAR, WE HAVE THE SAME ISSUE. AND TO BUNDLE EVERY
7 H.I.V./A.I.D.S. GROUP, MAKE IT ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE TO DEAL WITH
8 IT RIGHTLY. BECAUSE OF COURSE SINCE YOU BUNDLE EVERYBODY,
9 PEOPLE ALL SAY "OH, ARE GOING TO DIE BECAUSE THEY'RE NOT
10 GETTING THE CARE." WE HAVE BEEN GOING ON FOUR YEARS, SOMETHING
11 WRONG WITH THAT ISSUE. THANK YOU.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. WHILE YOU'RE HERE, YOU ALSO
14 SIGNED UP FOR S-1.

15

16 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOSH. YOU MEAN, I'M NOT GOING TO HAVE
17 TO COME? GEE. WELL, I WANT TO HEAR THE REPORT FIRST. I'VE BEEN
18 WAITING ALL THAT TIME. I THINK I DESERVE TO HEAR THE REPORT.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SURE, IF THERE IS A REPORT.

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22 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** THERE SHOULD BE A REPORT.

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24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WELL, DOESN'T HAVE TO BE.

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1 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ITEM S-1.

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3 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** DOESN'T HAVE TO BE A REPORT.

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5 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** IT SAYS REPORT.

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7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WELL, IT SAYS, BUT DOESN'T HAVE TO BE.

8 CLARIFY. ALL RIGHT.

9

10 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** MR. CHAIRMAN, DO YOU WANT TO APPROVE ITEM

11 28?

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13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YEAH, IF WE CAN.

14

15 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** I HAVE SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS HERE.

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17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA, CHAIR

18 WILL SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

19

20 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THANK YOU. ITEM S-1.

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22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ITEM S-1.

23

24 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** I WON'T ATTACK THEM, I PROMISE.

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1 **CAROL MEYER:** CAROL MEYER, INTERIM CHIEF NETWORK OFFICER FOR
2 THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES. I WON'T GO INTO DETAIL. THE
3 REPORT IS BEFORE YOU. IT'S A FULL MONTHLY OPERATIONAL REPORT
4 OF THE TRENDS TO INCLUDE THE MONTH OF APRIL. I WOULD LIKE TO
5 MENTION THAT THERE IS AN INCHING UP OF THE EMERGENCY
6 DEPARTMENT BOARDING TIME AND WAITING TO BE SEEN. AND THERE ARE
7 A NUMBER OF ACTIVITIES THAT WE ARE IMPLEMENTING TO DEAL WITH
8 THAT. ONE OF THEM SPECIFICALLY IS A FOLLOW ON TO A REPORT THAT
9 WE GAVE YOU SEVERAL MONTHS AGO, WHICH IS THAT ON MARCH 15TH,
10 THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH APPROVED THE
11 HOSPITAL'S REQUEST FOR PROGRAM FLEXIBILITY OF THEIR LICENSE TO
12 ALLOW US TO USE 10 UNUSED I.C.U. BEDS FOR MEDICAL WARD BEDS.
13 THIS HAS SIGNIFICANTLY IMPROVED THE PATIENT FLOW IN THE LAST
14 WEEK AND WE BELIEVE WILL BE REFLECTED ON THE NEXT REPORT IN
15 ADDITION TO OTHER ACTIVITIES THAT WE'RE DOING. THAT'S ABOUT
16 IT.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WHAT WAS THE INCHING UP OF TIME? CAN YOU
19 GIVE US AN IDEA?

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21 **CAROL MEYER:** EXCUSE ME?

22

23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YOU INDICATED THERE WAS AN INCREASING
24 AMOUNT.

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1 **CAROL MEYER:** YES. THE MEAN BOARDING TIME WENT FROM 5.22, 5
2 HOURS AND 22 MINUTES TO 6 HOURS.

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. ANY QUESTIONS? ALL RIGHT.
5 GENEVIEVE?

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7 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** OKAY. WELL, YOU KNOW, I HAVE THE
8 REPORT IN FRONT OF MY EYES. AND THE INCREASE WENT FROM 6.08 TO
9 8.14, AND THAT'S YOUR OWN, YOU KNOW, NOT WHAT WE HAVE JUST
10 BEEN QUOTED A MINUTE AGO, WHICH IS AN INCREASE OF 2.08 HOURS.
11 AND SINCE THE BEGINNING OF NOVEMBER, WE INCREASED BY THREE
12 HOUR POINT 86, ALMOST FOUR HOUR. THAT'S SIGNIFICANT. AND IT'S
13 AMAZING THAT WE'RE GETTING DIFFERENT REPORT VERBALLY WHAT'S
14 PRINTED. LAST MONTH, IT WAS AN INDICATION THAT WE HAD A
15 DECREASE IN THE NUMBER OF HOSPITALIZATIONS. AND I DON'T
16 REMEMBER THE EXACT NUMBER, BUT IT WAS A PRETTY SIGNIFICANT
17 AMOUNT. AND, YOU KNOW, SUPERVISOR KNABE, YOU HAD ASKED FOR A
18 REASON OF THAT BIG DECREASE IN ADMISSION. AND I DON'T THINK
19 YOU GOT IT, BUT I SURELY DID NOT GET IT. ON THE EMERGENCY
20 WAITING TIME, WE ALSO HAVE A TREMENDOUS INCREASE, IT'S
21 INCREASING EVERY MONTH FROM THE BEGINNING OF THE HOSPITAL.
22 RIGHT NOW ADULT WAIT TIME WENT FROM 10.36 TO 12.16. THIS POINT
23 OUT TO SOMETHING REALLY SIGNIFICANT IN WHAT'S GOING ON. THE
24 AMOUNT OF PATIENTS WHO LEFT WITHOUT BEING SEEN IS NOW UP TO
25 18%. ALL THOSE CORRELATE TO SOMETHING MAJOR GOING ON. THEY



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1 NEED TO BE LOOKED AT. BUT WHAT CONCERNS ME THE MOST IS ON OUR
2 ADMISSIONS HERE, IT DOES NOT SHOW THE DIFFERENCE FROM LAST
3 MONTH'S, AND IT SEEMS LIKE WE HAVE THE SAME AMOUNT OF
4 ADMISSION. THAT'S NOT WHAT WAS REPORTED OR WAS IN THE LAST
5 REPORT. THANK YOU.

6

7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. CAN WE JUST CLARIFY? I DON'T
8 KNOW WHAT SHE'S READING FROM, A SEPARATE REPORT THAN WHAT
9 YOU'RE READING FROM.

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11 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** THE ONE PRINTED OUT FROM THIS MORNING.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ANY OTHER QUESTIONS? IF NOT, WE'LL
14 RECEIVE AND FILE. THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT. ANYTHING ELSE ON THE
15 REGULAR AGENDA?

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17 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THAT COMPLETES THE REGULAR AGENDA.

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19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. PUBLIC COMMENTS. GENEVIEVE,
20 DID YOU SIGN UP FOR PUBLIC COMMENT? OKAY. I WAS GOING TO SAY,
21 AS LONG AS -- ALL RIGHT. OKAY. WE HAVE NICOLE PARSON FROM
22 LANCASTER ON OUR SCREEN. IS SHE STILL THERE?

23

24 **NICOLE PARSON:** YES, I'M HERE. I DON'T HAVE A CORPORATE TITLE,
25 BUSINESS CARD. BUT PRESIDENT SAID THAT HE DOESN'T CARE WHERE



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1 THE PROPOSALS COME FROM AND WE NOW MAKE THIS ABOUT MAIN STREET
2 AND THE PEOPLE WANT TO GET INVOLVED. SO THAT'S -- AND THERE'S
3 THIS PLACE IN LANCASTER, IT'S LIKE LOLLIPOP PLACE, AND I DON'T
4 KNOW WHERE THAT CAME FROM, SO WE LIKE -- OVER HERE LIKE YOUR
5 GUYS' CONCEPTION AND YOUR FORM AND WE THOUGHT IT WAS
6 CONCEPTION. AND SO SINCE I DO PRETTY GOOD FORMATS, THAT I'D
7 LIKE TO SUBMIT THIS ONE AND LET YOU GUYS DO THAT, USE THIS FOR
8 A FORMAT FOR A DIFFERENT AGENDA AND -- YEAH, I'M OKAY. AND
9 THERE'S ALSO SOMETHING ABOUT BRIDGET. HERE, I DID THIS. AND IF
10 YOU GUYS COULD GET THIS TO THE APPROPRIATE PEOPLE. THIS IS MY
11 BEST ASKING YOU GUYS TO WRITE A LETTER FOR ME AND LOOKING AT
12 THIS. AND THEN ALSO, WELL, YOU KNOW, MENTAL HEALTH PEOPLE, WE
13 JUST NEED -- WELL, YOU KNOW, I'M NOT -- OKAY, I'M NOT MENTAL
14 HEALTH AND THERE'S NO WAY I DELUSION OR ANYTHING. BUT YOU NEED
15 EXTRA TIME AND SOMEONE TO TAKE YOUR HAND AND JUST GO WITH US
16 AND TAKE YOUR HAND. AND SO THAT'S WHAT 30 DAYS HAVE SOMETHING
17 IN, AND I LIKE THAT. SO I'M GOING TO GIVE YOU THIS BECAUSE THE
18 LABOR COMMISSION AND A COUPLE OTHER PEOPLE LOOKED AT THIS. AND
19 WE WANTED TO GET SOMETHING -- TODAY THIS IS ABOUT A REFUND FOR
20 MY PARENTS. AND BECAUSE WE BUILT IN A PLACE THAT WE'RE
21 SUPPOSED TO HAVE A PLACE OF LAW AND STUFF. BUT WE DON'T KNOW
22 WHICH IS RIGHT OR WRONG. AND THEN BECAUSE THE FLESH AND BLOOD
23 OF PEOPLE, THE MAIN THING IN THE C.E.Q.A. IS LIKE THE PEOPLE.
24 AND THE FLESH AND BLOOD OF THE PEOPLE, WHAT COMMANDS US. IS IT
25 DEMOCRACY? OKAY, THAT'S THE HIGHEST THING. OKAY, SO IF I HAD A



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1 SEED PACKAGE THAT HAD A RADISH IN IT AND I HAD FOUR CLEAR
2 BOTTLES OF WATER, VINEGAR, WATER, ALCOHOL, AND BLEACH. SO I
3 COULD ONLY USE EVERYTHING ONCE, SO I TOOK THE SEEDS AND I
4 POURED IN THE WATER AND THEN SO I WANTED TO GET OUT THE
5 VINEGAR. I WANTED TO GET OUT THE RADISH, I WANTED TO CLEAN IT,
6 SO I'D USE THE VINEGAR. AND SO I NEEDED THE WATER, I NEEDED
7 THE WATER, SO I PUT IN THE BLEACH. AND THEN THE ALCOHOL,
8 EVERYTHING'S CLEAN. AND THE ALCOHOL, I CLEANED IT WITH A
9 PAPER. I CLEANED IT WITH A PAPER. SO THAT'S -- CONSTITUTION,
10 THE CONSTITUTION, AND EQUAL RIGHTS FOR EVERYONE. SO IF YOU
11 GUYS CAN LOOK AT THIS, I THINK MR. --

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. YOUR TIME IS UP. YOUR TIME IS UP.
14 OKAY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE IN
15 WAITING. NEXT, ARNOLD SACHS, CHARLES NEWMAN, CHONTEL ROLISON,
16 ERICA ESTRADA.

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18 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THANK YOU, SIR. GOOD AFTERNOON. I DID HAVE A
19 COUPLE OF SUGGESTIONS. I DID WANT TO SPEAK ON THE -- REGARDING
20 THE REPORT ON THE REGISTRAR-RECORDER BUT EVIDENTLY I DIDN'T
21 PUT A CARD IN. ONE OF MY SUGGESTIONS ON A COST SERVING BASIS
22 WOULD BE TO FIND A WAY TO RECYCLE THE EDUCATIONAL MATERIAL
23 THAT'S HANDED OUT TO ALL THE POLL WORKERS. ALL THE THREE BOOKS
24 THAT WE GET EVERY TIME WE COME FOR A TRAINING SESSION, EXACTLY
25 THE SAME. AND THERE SHOULD BE A METHOD TO COLLECT THOSE SO



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1 THAT THEY COULD REUSE THEM. AS OF THIS TIME, THERE IS NO
2 METHOD, AND ALSO FOR THE REGISTRAR-RECORDER TO HAVE SOME KIND
3 OF CONTINGENCY PLAN IN CASE THERE'S A MAJOR, MAJOR EARTHQUAKE
4 DURING AN ELECTION, WHAT DO THE POLL WORKERS DO AND HOW DOES
5 THAT AFFECT THE ELECTION. NOBODY WOULD HAVE ANY IDEA IF AFTER
6 EFFECT THAT OCCURRED ON TUESDAY'S ELECTION HAD BEEN NORTHRIDGE
7 TYPE. IT WOULD HAVE BEEN A BIG DIFFERENCE IN WHAT WOULD HAVE
8 HAPPENED. NOW, TWO MINUTES. IN A METRO BRIEF HERE, THERE'S A
9 TRUMPETING ANNOUNCEMENT THAT METRO IS GOING TO BE HIRING -- OR
10 ADDING 41 BUSES FOR THE EXPRESS LINE PROJECT. WHERE WILL THE
11 BUS DRIVERS FOR THESE 41 BUSES BE COMING FROM? ARE THOSE GOING
12 TO BE ROUTES THAT ARE ELIMINATED THROUGH DOWNSIZING BECAUSE OF
13 LOW USAGE? OR WILL THEY BE NEW HIRES THAT WILL BE GOING
14 AGAINST THE HIRING FREEZE THAT METRO HAS INITIATED? THERE WAS
15 AN ARTICLE IN THE DOWNTOWN NEWS THIS WEEK'S EDITION REGARDING
16 A DISCUSSION ON MEASURE R. AND IN THIS, IT STATES THAT MR.
17 KATZ, WHO IS A BOARD MEMBER, RICHARD KATZ, HAPPENED TO MENTION
18 A SAVINGS THAT WAS 10% ON THE CARPOOL LANE PROJECT FOR THE 405
19 FREEWAY WHICH CAME TO \$100 MILLION. YET IN THE "L.A. TIMES"
20 NEWSPAPER STORY REGARDING THE GOVERNOR AND THE MAYOR WHO WERE
21 CROWING OVER THIS NEW CONSTRUCTION PROJECT IT IS \$1 BILLION.
22 WELL, IT'S EITHER \$1 BILLION OR \$900 MILLION. THE ONLY
23 DIFFERENCE IS \$100 MILLION THAT THEY'RE TALKING ABOUT. HOW DO
24 WE KNOW WHAT'S SAVED AND HOW DO WE KNOW WHAT'S SPENT? AND
25 FINALLY, THERE WAS A STORY IN THE PARADE MAGAZINE, I DON'T



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1 KNOW IF YOU HAPPENED TO SEE IT IN THE SUNDAY NEWSPAPER, WILL
2 STIMULUS FUNDS BE STOLEN? I HAVEN'T HAD A LAUGH LIKE THAT IN A
3 LONG TIME. WHEN THE CORRUPT AGENCIES THAT EXIST IN THIS COUNTY
4 GET DONE WITH THE STIMULUS FUNDING, SAY A PRAYER. THANK YOU.
5 OH, METRO MEETS ON THURSDAY.

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7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. I'LL BE THERE. NEXT?

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9 **CHARLES NEWMAN:** MY NAME IS MR. CHARLES NEWMAN. I'M A NATIVE OF
10 LOS ANGELES, A U.S. CITIZEN. I'M 50 YEARS OLD. I'VE BEEN
11 ATTENDING THE LAW LIBRARY RIGHT HERE AT 301 1ST STREET AND
12 BROADWAY FOR ABOUT 20 YEARS NOW OFF AND ON. I'VE BEEN
13 ACCOMMODATING LAW LIBRARIAN AND SOME OF THE BEAUTIFUL
14 EMPLOYEES THERE. WITH USING THE DICTATION ROOM OR THE ROOM FOR
15 THE TYPEWRITER ACCESS. THIS HAS BEEN GOING ON FOR A NUMBER OF
16 DIFFERENT YEARS. ATTORNEYS BRING THEIR TYPEWRITERS INTO THE
17 TYPEWRITER ROOM AND THE DICTATION ROOM AND ATTORNEYS USE THEIR
18 PERSONAL LAPTOPS IN THE LIBRARY. JUST THE OTHER DAY, AS YOU
19 CAN SEE, I BROUGHT MY TYPEWRITER WITH ME. IT'S A BROTHUR. I'VE
20 HAD IT FOR ABOUT A YEAR AND A HALF. JUST ON MAY 22ND, 2009, I
21 ATTENDED A FACILITY LAW LIBRARY. I HAVE SOME CIVIL CASES GOING
22 ON. AND WHEN I SET MY TYPEWRITER UP IN THE TYPEWRITER ROOM, I
23 WAS DOING SOME TYPING, A VERY RUDE SECURITY GUARD FROM SECURE-
24 TECH CAME AND NOTIFIED ME THAT THE SUPERVISOR BY THE NAME OF
25 MR. NELSON SAID THAT BASED ON THE CONTRACT THAT THE COUNTY HAD



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1 WITH THIS PERSONAL PROVIDER THAT IF I USE MY TYPEWRITER IN THE
2 TYPEWRITER ROOM AS OPPOSED TO PUTTING 50 CENTS IN ONE OF THESE
3 BROTHOR TYPEWRITERS THAT, IT WOULD BREACH THE CONTRACT. SO I
4 ASKED HIM NICE AND POLITELY, I SAYS, "IS THIS CONTRACT
5 ACCESSIBLE?" HE SAID "ONLY THROUGH SUBPOENA." SO I WAS FORCED
6 OUT OF THE TYPEWRITER ROOM AFTER A NUMBER OF DIFFERENT YEARS,
7 AND I FELT IT WAS VERY RUDE. I FELT I WAS DISRESPECTED. MY
8 FINANCIAL STATUS IS NOT TO THAT DEGREE RIGHT NOW, BECAUSE I'M
9 ATTENDING SCHOOL. AND IT'S EASIER FOR ME TO BRING MY
10 TYPEWRITER DOWN TO THE LAW LIBRARY TO CONDUCT MY WORK IN
11 THERE. I'M CURRENTLY ATTENDING WEST LOS ANGELES CITY COLLEGE
12 TO BECOME A PARALEGAL. I'VE ALREADY CONTACTED MRS. MOLINA'S
13 OFFICE ABOUT IT. SHE WASN'T THERE. I GUESS ONE OF HER CHIEF
14 DEPUTIES WAS THERE AND CALLED DOWN THERE. IT'S BEEN FOUR OR
15 FIVE DAYS, AND I HAVE SOME VERY, VERY IMPORTANT THINGS THAT I
16 HAVE TO GET CONDUCTED IN THE LAW LIBRARY TO FILE IN SCHOOL
17 INTO MY CASES. AND IT'S MUCH EASIER FOR ME TO BRING MY
18 TYPEWRITER DOWN TO THE LIBRARY, AS OPPOSED TO KEEP PUTTING 50
19 CENTS IN THESE OLD I.B.M.S. MY FINANCIAL STATUS IS NOT TO THAT
20 DEGREE. SO I WOULD LIKE TO LET THE BOARD KNOW THAT I FELT THAT
21 WHATEVER CONTRACT THE BOARD HAS, I MEAN, OR THE COUNTY OF LOS
22 ANGELES HAS WITH THESE INDIVIDUALS, I'M PRETTY SURE THERE'S
23 ENOUGH MONEY FOR THEM TO PURCHASE THEIR OWN TYPEWRITERS. A
24 PERSON SHOULD TO BE ABLE TO BRING HIS OWN TYPEWRITER IN THE
25 LAW LIBRARY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. MAYBE SOMEONE FROM COUNTY
3 COUNSEL CAN VISIT WITH YOU, SEE WHAT THE OPTIONS ARE. THANK
4 YOU. YES.

5

6 **ERICA ESTRADA:** OKAY. GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS ERICA ESTRADA,
7 I'M A THIRD GRADE TEACHER, I HAVE BEEN TEACHING THIRD GRADE
8 FOR 10 YEARS. AND THIS IS FOR MRS. GLORIA MOLINA'S DISTRICT.
9 I'VE BEEN THERE FOR 10 YEARS. THIS PARENT HERE BEHIND ME, I'M
10 GOING TO SPEAK KIND OF ON HER BEHALF, CAME UP TO ME
11 DESPERATELY IN NEED OF HELP. HER TWO ONLY SONS GOT ARRESTED
12 AND DIDN'T GET REPRESENTATION. WE THINK HE WAS VERY -- I
13 ALREADY DID A LETTER OF COMPLAINT TO THE STATE BAR AND TO
14 GLORIA MOLINA'S OFFICE AND HER OFFICE REFERRED ME TO DO THE
15 COMPLAINT TO THE STATE BAR. A PRIVATE ATTORNEY WAS PAID BY
16 PUBLIC FUNDS AND BY 10 FAMILY MEMBERS OF THIS FAMILY. HE WAS
17 HEARD SAYING "WHY DON'T YOU LEARN ENGLISH? YOU'RE GOING DOWN,
18 YOU GUYS ARE CRAZY, I'M NOT GOING TO WORK YOUR CASE." A
19 DETECTIVE WAS HEARD SAID "IF I HAD MY WAY, I WOULD JUST KILL
20 YOU BEHIND THIS BUILDING." THESE KIDS HAVE NO PRIOR RECORD, NO
21 TATTOOS, NO GANG AFFILIATION OR PROOF OF THAT. AND THEY'VE GOT
22 22 YEARS IN PRISON AND A VERY HARD-WORKING FAMILY. I'VE KNOWN
23 THEM FOR 10 YEARS. THEIR KIDS HAVE GONE TO OUR SCHOOL. I WAS
24 THE THIRD GRADE TEACHER OF THIS STUDENT. AND WE JUST FEEL THAT
25 IT WAS UNJUST THE WAY HE WAS REPRESENTED AT THE SUPREME COURT



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1 JUST DOWN THE STREET FROM HERE. AND THERE IS COUNTLESS CASES
2 THAT WE ARE LEARNING FROM THAT ARE NOT GETTING REPRESENTED
3 PROPERLY IN THE LEGAL SYSTEM, LACK OF ENGLISH, LACK OF KNOWING
4 WHAT AN APPEAL IS, LACK OF KNOWING WHAT A COURT CASE IS. THEY
5 MISS THEIR CASES, THE KIDS DON'T KNOW HOW TO READ. HER 16-
6 YEAR-OLD IS AT JUVENILE HALL AND HER 19-YEAR-OLD IS AT THE
7 TWIN TOWERS. A COUPLE OF TEACHERS AT THE SCHOOL WHERE I WORK
8 AT IN AT EAST L.A. HAVE HEAD HIS FILES AND HAVE SEEN MANY
9 POINTS OF DOUBT AND QUESTION. AND I'M HERE BECAUSE IT WAS
10 BROUGHT TO MY ATTENTION. SOME OF THESE ATTORNEYS SHOULD NOT BE
11 WORKING WITH FAMILIES THAT HAVE ENGLISH AS THEIR SECOND
12 LANGUAGE, SHOULD NOT BE PUT DOWN, SHOULD NOT BE ABUSED. AND
13 I'M ASKING SUPERVISOR GLORIA MOLINA, I KNOW SHE'S OVER THERE,
14 BUT I'M ASKING YOU GUYS TO PLEASE -- WE'RE HERE JUST FOR YOU
15 GUYS TO TAKE A LITTLE LOOK AT THESE CASES OF THESE KIDS. I AM
16 A MOM ALSO. AND I AM TROUBLED JUST TO THINK THAT IF I DIDN'T
17 KNOW ENGLISH AND IF I DIDN'T KNOW THE SYSTEM, MY DAUGHTERS OR
18 MY SON WOULD BE IN THIS SITUATION. OUR GENERATION, OUR YOUNG
19 LATINO GENERATION IS INCARCERATED FOR THINGS THAT OTHER ETHNIC
20 BACKGROUNDS I THINK WOULD GET ONE OR THREE YEARS. AND THESE
21 KIDS GOT 20 YEARS, HAVE NO CLUE WHAT HAPPENED. THEY GOT
22 PRESSURED INTO A LOT OF THIS, THE DETECTIVES WERE VERY ABUSIVE
23 TO THEM. THERE WAS NO DETECTIVES, NO PRIVATE INVESTIGATION, NO
24 ADDITIONAL WITNESSES INTERVIEWED, NO PROCESS. AND SO WE ARE
25 TRYING TO NOW HIRE A PRIVATE ATTORNEY, \$20,000 THAT THE FAMILY



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1 DOES NOT HAVE TO BE A HABEAS CORPUS. AND WE'RE JUST ASKING FOR
2 YOUR HELP. THERE ARE TONS OF JUVENILES THAT WE THINK DO NOT
3 BELONG IN THERE OR HAVE GOTTEN TRIPLE THE TIME THEY DESERVE.
4 AND JUST A CLOSER LOOK AT THE PUBLIC DEFENDERS BECAUSE
5 SOMETIMES THEY'RE NOT SENSITIVE TO THE FAMILIES, ESPECIALLY
6 THIS ONE THAT'S RIGHT BEHIND ME. I WROTE A LETTER, VERY
7 ABUSIVE ATTORNEYS. AND I JUST PRAY AND HOPE THAT YOU GUYS CAN
8 TAKE A LOOK AT THAT, AT LEAST LOOK INTO IT. BECAUSE SHE'S NOT
9 GOING TO FIGHT, SHE'S NOT GOING TO QUIT UNTIL HER KIDS GET A
10 FAIR, WE DON'T WANT SPECIAL TREATMENT, WE WANT A FAIR TRY AT
11 THEIR CASES. AND I'M JUST A TEACHER, I DON'T KNOW MUCH, BUT
12 I'M DEFINITELY -- I KNOW I SEE DISCRIMINATION. AND THERE'S A
13 COUPLE OF TEACHERS AT MY SCHOOL THAT ARE WILLING TO HELP HER.
14 AND IF THERE'S ANYTHING YOU GUYS CAN DO, WE REALLY WOULD
15 APPRECIATE THAT. THANK YOU.

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17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY, SUPERVISOR MOLINA'S OFFICE --
18 MA'AM? OKAY. ALL RIGHT. OKAY. THAT CONCLUDES PUBLIC COMMENTS,
19 I BELIEVE. AND WE ARE GOING TO -- PARDON ME? THE MEETING WILL
20 BE ADJOURNED BUT THE CLOSED SESSION HAS BEEN CONTINUED.

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22 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** AND I WILL GIVE A REPORT OF ACTION ON THE
23 SPECIAL CLOSED SESSION. THE FOLLOWING IS A REPORT OF ACTION
24 TAKEN FROM THE CLOSED SESSION SPECIAL MEETING OF MAY 26TH,
25 2009. ITEM NO. CS-1, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING



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1 SIGNIFICANT EXPOSURE TO LITIGATION, ONE CASE. NO REPORTABLE
2 ACTION WAS TAKEN. AND ITEM NO. CS-2, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL
3 COUNSEL REGARDING EXISTING LITIGATION. NO REPORTABLE ACTION
4 WAS TAKEN. THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, MAY 26TH, 2009, SPECIAL
5 MEETING ADJOURNED AT 12:51 P.M. THE NEXT REGULAR BOARD OF
6 SUPERVISORS MEETING WILL BE TUESDAY, JUNE 2ND, AT 9:30 A.M.
7 THANK YOU.

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